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ReROMtel dated 5-10-78.

Enclosed for the Bureau are three copies each of three unclassified State Department telegrams, one from the American Consulate in Palermo, Italy; one from the American Consulate in Trieste, Italy; and one from the American Embassy, Rome, Italy, all dated 5-11-78.

The enclosed telegrams are being furnished to the Bureau as they provide a clear summary of popular Italian reaction to the assassination of ALDO MORO, former leader of the Italian Christian Democratic Party.

Legat following and will advise Bureau of any pertinent developments in this matter.

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1 - Mr. D.W. Moore, Jr.
1 - Mr. K.E. Joseph
1 - Mr. S.S. Mignosa

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TO : Mr. D.W. Moore, Jr.

FROM : S.S. Mignosa

SUBJECT: RED BRIGADE/BRIGATES ROSSE/BR
KIDNAPPING OF ALDO MORO

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PURPOSE:

To set forth the details concerning the briefing by [redacted], Ministry of Defense, concerning the events surrounding the Aldo Moro kidnapping in Italy.

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None. For information.

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On 5/18/78, Unit Chiefs [redacted] and [redacted] attended a briefing sponsored by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) concerning the events surrounding the death of Aldo Moro.

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[redacted] participated in the hostage negotiations surrounding the kidnapping of Aldo Moro.

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Kidnapping of Aldo Moro

The briefing conducted on 5/18/78 was attended by officials from the Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D. C., as well as Chiefs of Police from the jurisdictions surrounding Washington, D. C. Selected members of various branches of Government, including Secret Service, State Department, Department of Commerce as well as the FBI were invited to attend.

[redacted] main points concerning Italian's most recent crisis were: b6 b7C

1. The Red Brigade has a current membership of between 200-800 dedicated followers.

2. The Moro kidnapping was the most extreme act of their eight-year campaign against Italy.

3. The Red Brigade's basic cause is the overthrow of the current Italian Government.

4. The Red Brigade lost a great deal of public sentiment by killing Aldo Moro.

5. Aldo Moro's family presented a great deal of concern for the Italian Government during the negotiation process. On more than one occasion the Moro family's contradiction of Government statements jeopardized the Government's credibility in negotiating, e.g. the Government tried to state that Moro was extremely ill and needed a physician/the family publicly stated Moro was fine and that there was no reason for concern about his health.

6. Aldo Moro was politically dead after his first communication, and that from the Government's point of view it was best that the Moro incident ended the way it did.

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7. Aldo Moro, during the course of being held hostage, sided with his captors (turned over) to such a degree that he would be a real liability to the Government if he lived.

8. In the actual initial ambush of Moro, there appeared to be German overtones in light of the military percision with which it was accomplished, e.g. Alitalia Airline uniforms and one body guard who returned fire being shot right in the middle of the forehead.

9. There is some indication that there might possibly be inside help in the Moro kidnapping due to the percision like selection of two attache cases. These two cases were amongst five always carried by Aldo Moro. The two selected contained Moro's medicine (he was a hypochondriac) and secret documents.

10. There is to date, no evidence which would link the Red Brigade with influences outside of Italy.

11. The Red Brigade is extremely well financed as evidenced by the purchase of property (safehouses) which was used in setting up the Moro kidnapping. One safehouse contained a fully equipped medical operation room.

12. Had the Red Brigade demanded money in exchange for Moro, they would have received it. Aldo Moro was not bargained for because it was against Italian law to free prisoners or persons on trial. There simply was no provisions of Italian law to bargain with the terrorists for Moro's life.

13. The Red Brigade's anounced game plan is stepped up action against the imperialistic countries, e.g. the United States.

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14. The early leadership with Red Brigade seems to have given way to the "paranoiac" of the group, thus leading to the Moro kidnapping and current wave of violent kneecapping.

15. A major contributing factor to the lack of success in combating the Red Brigade is the current poor morale of the Carabiniere who currently are experiencing unionization within their ranks.

16. The only conceivable accomplishment by the Red Brigade in this activity has been the removal of the one political figure that was instrumental in bringing together the Christian Democratic Party of Italy and the recognized Communist Party of Italy.

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FROM : Legal Attache, Rome (163-3033) (P)

SUBJECT: UNSUBS; KIDNAPING OF ALDO MORO, Deceased
ROME, ITALY, MARCH 16, 1978
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Reference: Butel dated 5-18-78.

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Re Bureau teletype to New York, 5/16/78.

Inasmuch as there is no investigation outstanding in the New York Division, this matter is being placed in a closed status.

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Enclosed for the Bureau are an article from the January, 1970, issue of "Guns Review" magazine concerning the CZECH VZOR 61 Scorpion weapon and two schematic drawings of shell casings with corresponding ballistical data. (¢) u

By way of background, ALDO MORO, former Italian Premier and former leader of Italy's Christian Democratic Party (DC), was kidnaped during the morning hours of 3-16-78 by an armed band of individuals. All five of MORO'S body-guards who accompanied him that morning were killed or subsequently died from wounds sustained during this kidnaping. (¢) u

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Following the kidnaping, the Brigate Rosse (Red Brigades), an extreme left terrorist group, reportedly operating in Milan, Italy, since 1970, took credit for MORO'S u

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abduction and soon after began issuing a series of public bulletins which made reference to the so-called trial of MORO and made a series of allegations against the CD party and the Italian political system. (¢) u

Following 55 days of captivity, ALDO MORO'S body was found on 5-9-78 at 1:45 p.m. Rome time in an abandoned red Renault automobile parked on Via Michelangelo Caetani, a narrow street which runs along side the Italian Communist Party headquarters and which is near to the CD Party headquarters. The Renault was discovered to be a stolen vehicle as were the Rome tags it bore which were determined to have been stolen from a second vehicle. According to Italian authorities, MORO'S body was found slumped behind the rear seat in what was described as the luggage or cargo area of the Renault. He was dressed in the same gray suit, which had been reportedly cleaned and pressed, which he wore on the day of his abduction. Nothing was found in any of his pockets. His overcoat was thrown over his shoulders and, in turn, he was completely wrapped in a red blanket. A preliminary examination of MORO'S body revealed eleven bullet holes in the upper left portion of his chest. All eleven bullets appeared to have entered from the front of his body. Ten of the eleven bullets formed a "V" pattern which appeared to have been intentionally made. (¢) u

The wounds, according to preliminary ballistic examinations, were made by two different weapons. One bullet passed through MORO'S left thumb and penetrated his heart. This bullet was fired from a weapon which has not yet been identified (see enclosure 1). The caliber of this bullet is believed to be 9 mm Browning (.380 automatic). A shell casing believed to correspond and belong to this bullet was found in u

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the vehicle and bore the markings GFL 9M34 75 (see enclosure 1 for details and specifications). The other ten wounds, which formed a "V" pattern in his chest, are believed to have been made by a 7.65 mm, CZECH VZOR 61 SCORPION. Two of the bullets (both 7.65 mm) passed through his suit jacket while the other nine (eight 7.65 mm and one 9 mm) passed only through his vest and shirt. No bullet holes were found in either his overcoat or the blanket. The 9 mm round passed through MORO'S body and was found embeded in the floor board of the Renault. Eight of the 7.65 mm rounds remained in MORO'S body and were found lodged in his back just beneath the layer of skin. Two of the 7.65 mm rounds erupted through the skin layer of MORO'S back and were found loose in the space between his back and his shirt. (¢)u

Ballistic experts noticed three circular impressions in MORO'S vest surrounding three of the 7.65 mm bullet entry holes. They speculate that a silencer was used on the SCORPION weapon and that these circular impressions represent the silencer marks which were made when the weapon was fired in contact with MORO'S body at point-blank range. These circular impressions are approximately 2.54 mm in diameter. (¢)u

With respect to the shell casings, all nine of the 7.65 mm shell casings found in the car bore the marking W-W.32 AUTO. The one 9 mm cartridge found in the vehicle bore the marking GFL 9M34 75 (Giullio Fiocchi Lecco, manufacturer). (¢)u

An urgent request has been received from Italian judicial authorities, Rome, Italy, for assistance in conducting ballistic examinations and analyzing the enclosed ballistical data. These inquiries are being conducted in connection with the assassination of ALDO MORO. Specifically, Italian ballistic u

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experts would like samples of slugs and shell casings fired from the CZECH VZOR 61 SCORPION weapon, if such a weapon is available to the Bureau, which would assist in confirming and identifying it as being one of the two murder weapons used in the MORO slaying. Italian authorities requested that five rounds be fired in the semi automatic mode and five rounds be fired in the fully automatic mode. Additionally, if the weapon can be obtained with its corresponding silencer, Italian authorities would like five test rounds fired with the silencer both in the auto and semi automatic mode. (¢)(U)

Italian authorities have provided a schematic drawing with specifications and characteristic markings of the rear portion of the shell casing found in the vehicle (see enclosure 2). (¢)(U)

Italian ballistic experts noted that, to date, they have not been able to successfully identify the type of weapon which fired the 9 mm Browning (.380 auto) round. According to these experts, they have compared the characteristics of the 9 mm fired bullet with those of 1,500 different weapons and have not been able to pinpoint the type or model of the weapon used. Consequently, Italian authorities have furnished a schematic (see enclosure 1) drawing which depicts the shell casing characteristics as well as detailed measurements of the actual bullet itself. (¢)(U)

If the Bureau is able, on the basis of the data provided in enclosure 1, to identify the weapon which fired this bullet, the Bureau is additionally requested to furnish samples of fired slugs and shell casings of this weapon. (¢)(U)

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Because of the magnitude and importance of this investigation and the crucial nature of the tests requested, Italian authorities have asked that the requests for ballistic tests be handled on an extremely expeditious basis. Arrangements for transporting results of any laboratory tests will be set forth in a separate teletype. (C)(U)

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The stock is shown extended in Fig. 8. It is retracted by squeezing in the two milled collars at the front and then swinging the stock over.

The detailed breakdown of the silencer is shown in Fig. 9.

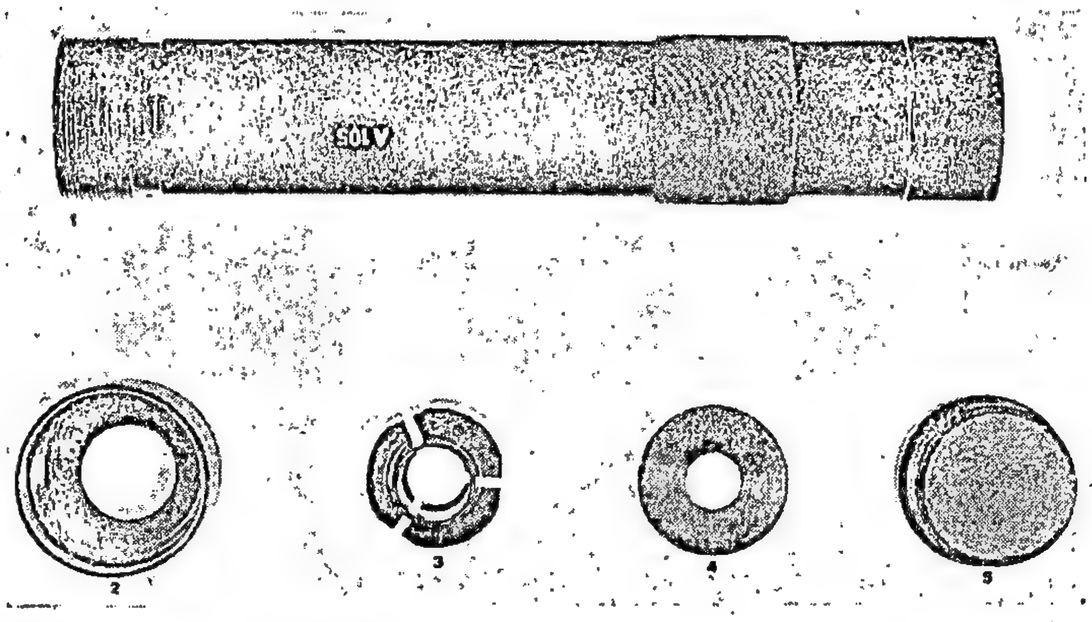


FIGURE 9. The Silencer.

1. Gas Exit Holes.
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Adjacent to the muzzle is a small metal cone which bears up against a washer perforated to take the bullet. As the bullet passes through the washer, pressure builds up and the gases come out of the holes drilled in the periphery and these—in theory at least—are deflected forward by the flange of the locking cap. The bullet perforates the rubber cap at the end of the expansion cylinder which contracts to prevent gas exit. The gases leave the silencer at sub-sonic velocity.

The muzzle velocity without the silencer is 1,040 ft.p.s. With the silencer fitted it averages an OV at 20 ft. of 900 ft.p.s., but with a wide spread of velocities ranging from 1,000 ft.p.s. to 850 ft.p.s.

It is not a good silencer. There is an appreciable sharp crack at the firing point, but standing 50 yards down range, although it can clearly be heard, it is difficult to discern from where the sound originates. The rubber cap is permanently distorted after 20 rounds have been fired and it is doubtful if it has a long effective life.

When firing with the silencer fitted it is not advisable to hold the body of the attachment close to the securing cap because the gases emerging from the escape holes under that cap can burn the fingers. Some of this escaping gas appears to get out between the barrel and the silencer because there is a strong smell of burnt cordite and carbon thrown back into the firer's face.

The accuracy of the weapon is mentioned in a subsequent paragraph, but it should be noted that with the silencer fitted there is a very noticeable drop in MPI and a very much increased dispersion. The sights are not designed for use with the silencer and it is necessary to take a high aim to have much hope of hitting over 50 metres.

DATA

Calibre:	.32 in., 7.65 mm.
Length:	10.6 in.
Length with stock extended:	20.2 in.
Length of silencer:	8.75 in.
Barrel length:	4.4 in.
Weight with empty 20 round mag.:	3.5 lb.
Weight of silencer:	0.75 lb.
Magazine capacity:	10 or 20 rounds
Muzzle velocity (normal):	1,040 ft.p.s.
Muzzle velocity (silenced):	900 ft.p.s. (mean).
Effective range (normal):	50 metres.
Effective range (stock extended):	200 metres.
Rate of fire cyclic, normal:	840 r.p.m.
Rate of fire cyclic, silenced:	950 r.p.m. (estimated).
Maximum aimed single shots:	35 rounds a minute.

Test firing

The weapon was fired by two experienced shots and firing took place on an open range on a sunny day with little or no wind.

The following results were obtained using DWM .32 ACP ammunition manufactured in 1967, firing 5-round groups. Best groups shown.

Firer	Range	Mode	Size of Group	Comment
A	20 m.	Pistol—one hand. Single shot—	2½ in.	
B		standing	2¾ in.	
A	20 m.	Using shoulder stock. Single shot—	3 in.	1
B		standing	3 in.	
A	20 m.	Using shoulder stock. Single shot— standing. Silencer fitted	4 in.	2
B			4 in.	
A	50 m.	Standing stock extended. Single shot	9 in.	1
B			9½ in.	
A	50 m.	Lying, stock extended — elbows rested—single shot	4½ in.	3
B			4¾ in.	
A	150 m.	Lying, stock extended — elbows rested—single shot	10 in.	3
B			10 in.	

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Lt.-Col. Leslie Sharpe, a British Army Pistol shot, firing the Scorpion.

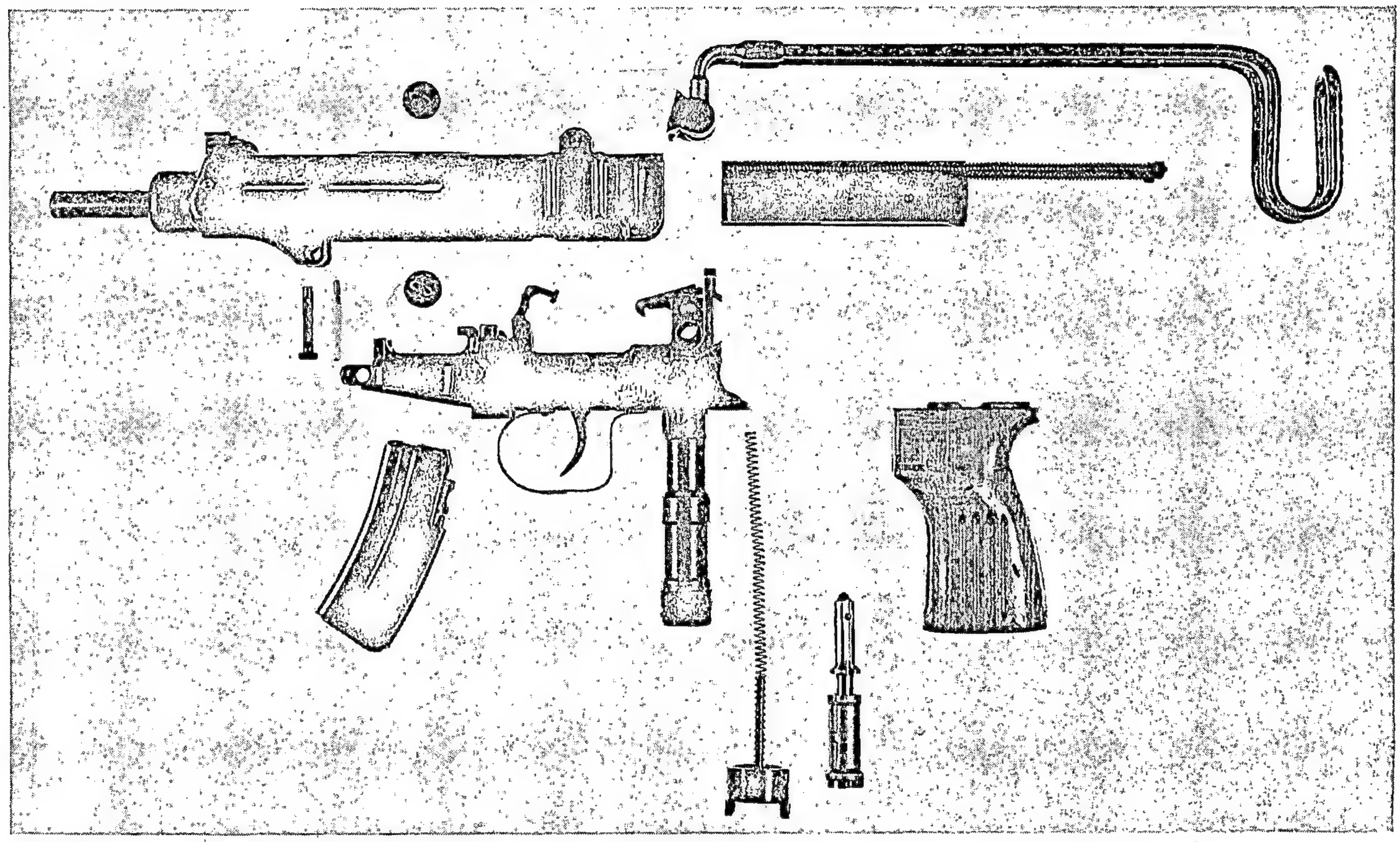


FIGURE 7. The stripping completed.

Stripping :

On the left-hand side of the body, forward of the magazine, is a take-down pin which (Fig. 1) can be pulled out with the fingers.

The receiver is forced forwards about a quarter of an inch and then the barrel and receiver can be pivoted down (Fig. 6).

There are two small cocking knobs, one on each side, and when these are pulled back the bolt comes to the rear. The cocking knobs can then be taken out through the widened slots in the receiver. The bolt and return springs can then be removed from the receiver. This is the limit of field stripping.

Further dismantling is straightforward. The inertia pellet comes out through the butt and the trigger mechanism is held by a single pin. The weapon stripped is shown at Fig. 7.

Reassembly is equally simple. The bolt and return springs are inserted into the receiver. The elongated holes in the bolt are lined up with the cut-away at the end of the recess in the receiver, and the two cocking knobs inserted. When the bolt is fully forward, the barrel and top part of the receiver are swung over and pushed back to align the holes for the take-down pin to be pushed home. The weapon is then ready for the magazine to go in and firing can commence when the gun is cocked and returned to battery.

The Silencer :

This weapon has a clandestine operations role and for close work should be very efficient. The silencer consists of a plastic sleeve with a cap at the forward end and a milled locking nut at the rear end. The attachment goes over a collar on the muzzle, which also acts as the bayonet seating, and the locking nut at the rear end is screwed up to secure it. The silencer on the gun is shown at Fig. 8.

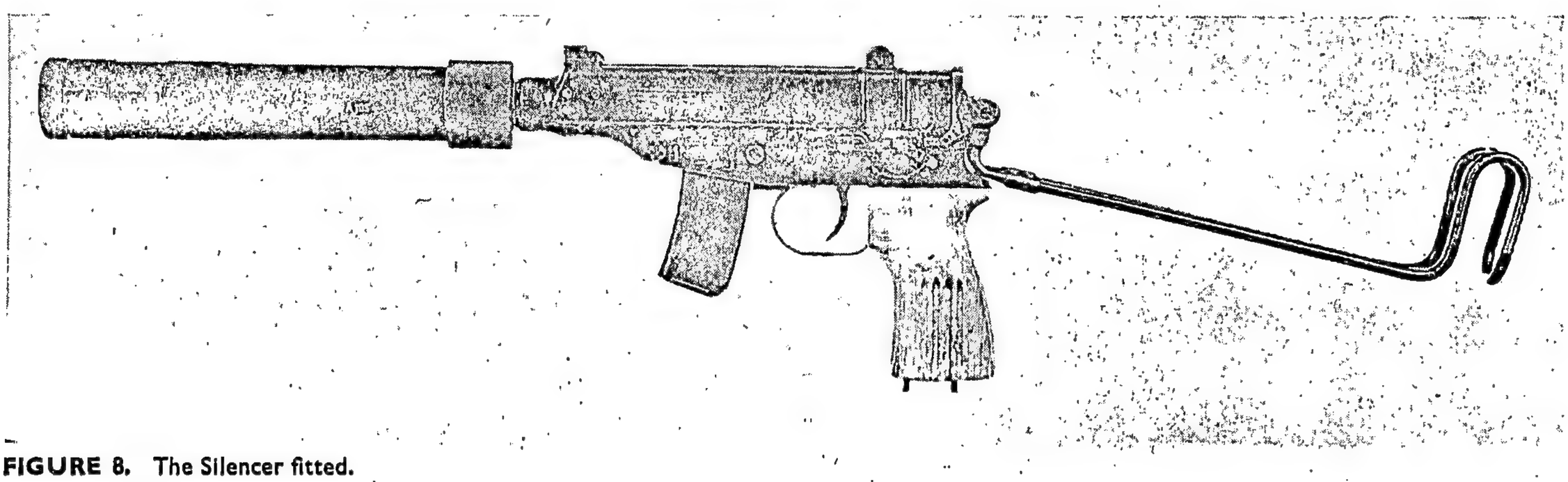


FIGURE 8. The Silencer fitted.

Method of operation

The pistol is a simple blow-back design with a bolt that wraps round the barrel. The .32 Colt ACP cartridge has a low impulse and there is little recoil felt by the firer. On firing, the gas pressure forces the case back into the chamber and the fairly heavy bolt slides back compressing and storing energy in the two return springs.

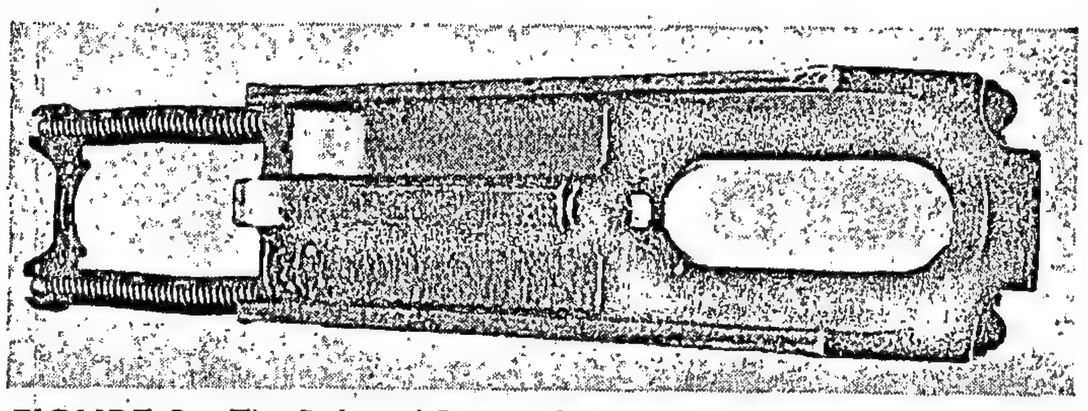


FIGURE 3. The Bolt and Return Spring.

When the bolt is fully to the rear, it is caught and held there by a spring-loaded hook mounted on the back plate. (See Fig. 4.)

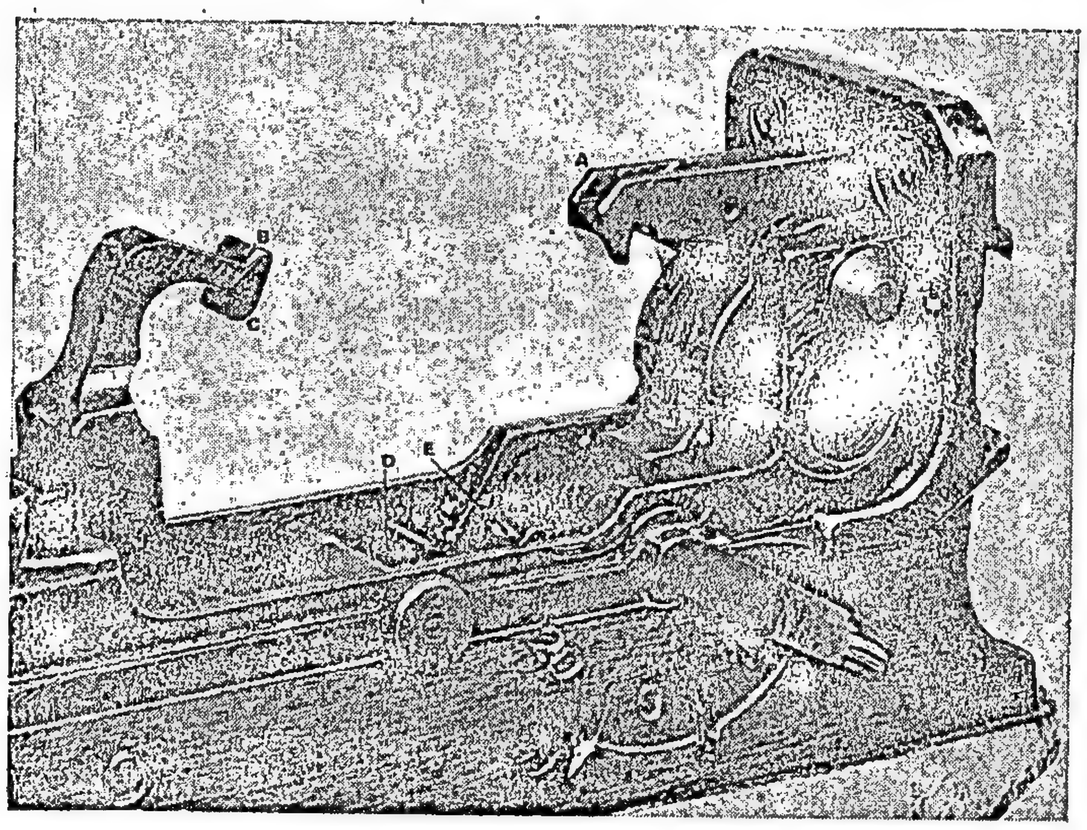


FIGURE 4. Rate of Fire Device.

A. Spring-Loaded Hook.
B. Secondary Bent.
C. Primary Bent.
D. Primary Sear.
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As the bolt reaches the hook on its backward movement, it drives a spring-loaded inertia pellet down into the butt.

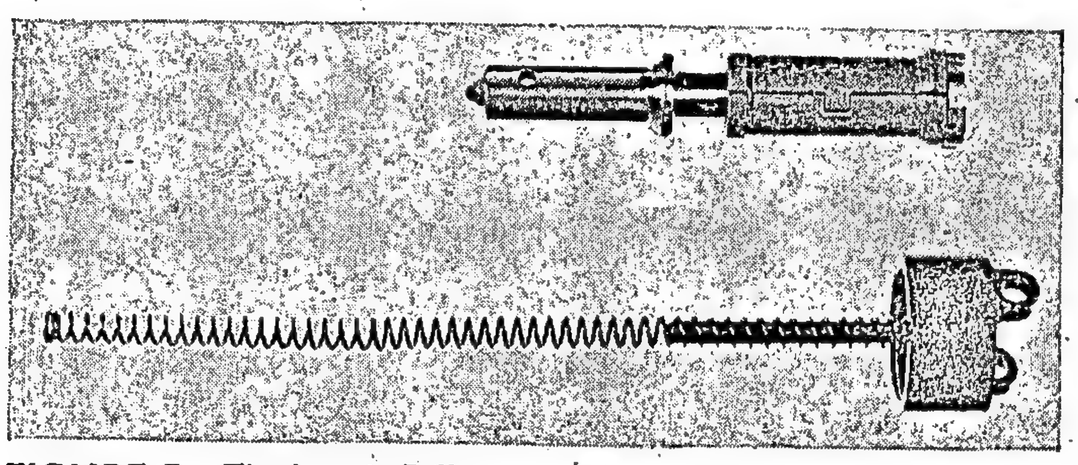


FIGURE 5. The Inertia Pellet.

The inertia pellet compresses a light spring, and when the spring pushes the pellet up again, the pointed top causes the hook to lift and allow the bolt to go forward. This device is incorporated to reduce the cyclic rate of fire, which would otherwise be excessive to about 840 rounds a minute. It is worthy of comment that when the silencer is fitted the back pressure is increased and the rate of fire goes up appreciably to an estimated 950 rounds a minute.

The bolt goes forward, feeds and chambers the round and supports the case in the chamber. Being a simple blow-back system there is of course no locking and the inertia of the breech block and the spring assistance are adequate support for the case in the chamber.

The magazine platform operates a plunger which holds up the bolt when the ammunition is expended. (See Fig. 6.)

The trigger mechanism

The hammer is of the double-bent type, in principle exactly the same as the M1 Garand, M14 and the Russian AKM. There are two sears on the trigger bar. The primary sear is fixed, the secondary sear is spring-loaded. When firing at single shot the recoiling block depresses the hammer, the secondary bent of which is caught in the spring-loaded sear. Since the trigger is still held back it must be released, and the forward movement of the trigger bar enables the hammer to rotate slightly and the primary bent and sear are then engaged. Operation of the trigger fires one more shot provided that the bolt is fully forward to depress the safety sear.

When the selector lever is set to full auto, a bar is rotated which carries the spring-loaded secondary sear back so that the bent does not engage in it on the rearward travel of the hammer. The hammer is then controlled entirely by the safety sear operated by the bolt. The safety sear produces the mechanical safety before firing both in the single shot and full automatic roles.

Sights :

The front sight is a pillar mounted on an eccentric.
The rear sight is a flip-over notch with two ranges of 75 and 150 metres.
The sight base is $5\frac{1}{4}$ inches.

When used as a pistol these sights give a clear sight picture. When the stock is extended and placed in the shoulder, the eye is only $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches from the back sight, and it is virtually impossible to focus on the back sight, front sight and target.

Zeroing is carried out by raising and lowering the foresight on its thread for elevation, and line adjustment comes from the eccentric.

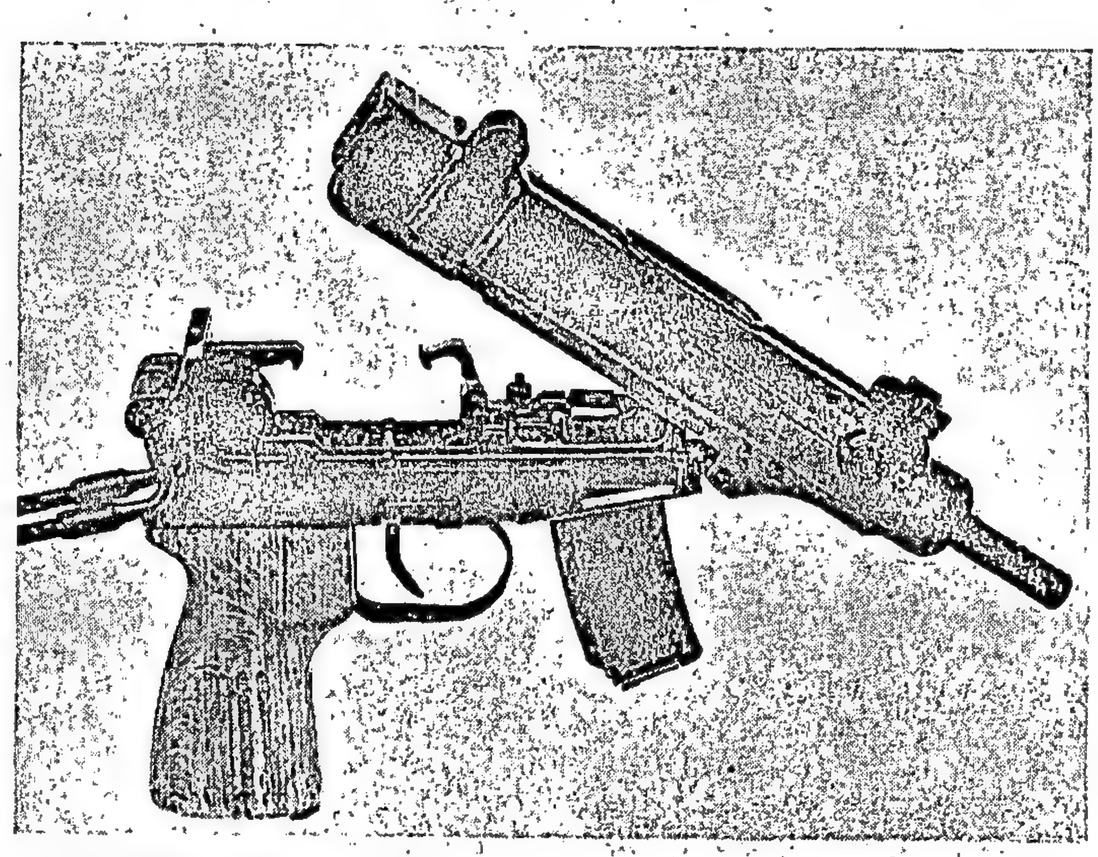


FIGURE 6. First stage of stripping.

THE CZECH VZOR 61 SCORPION

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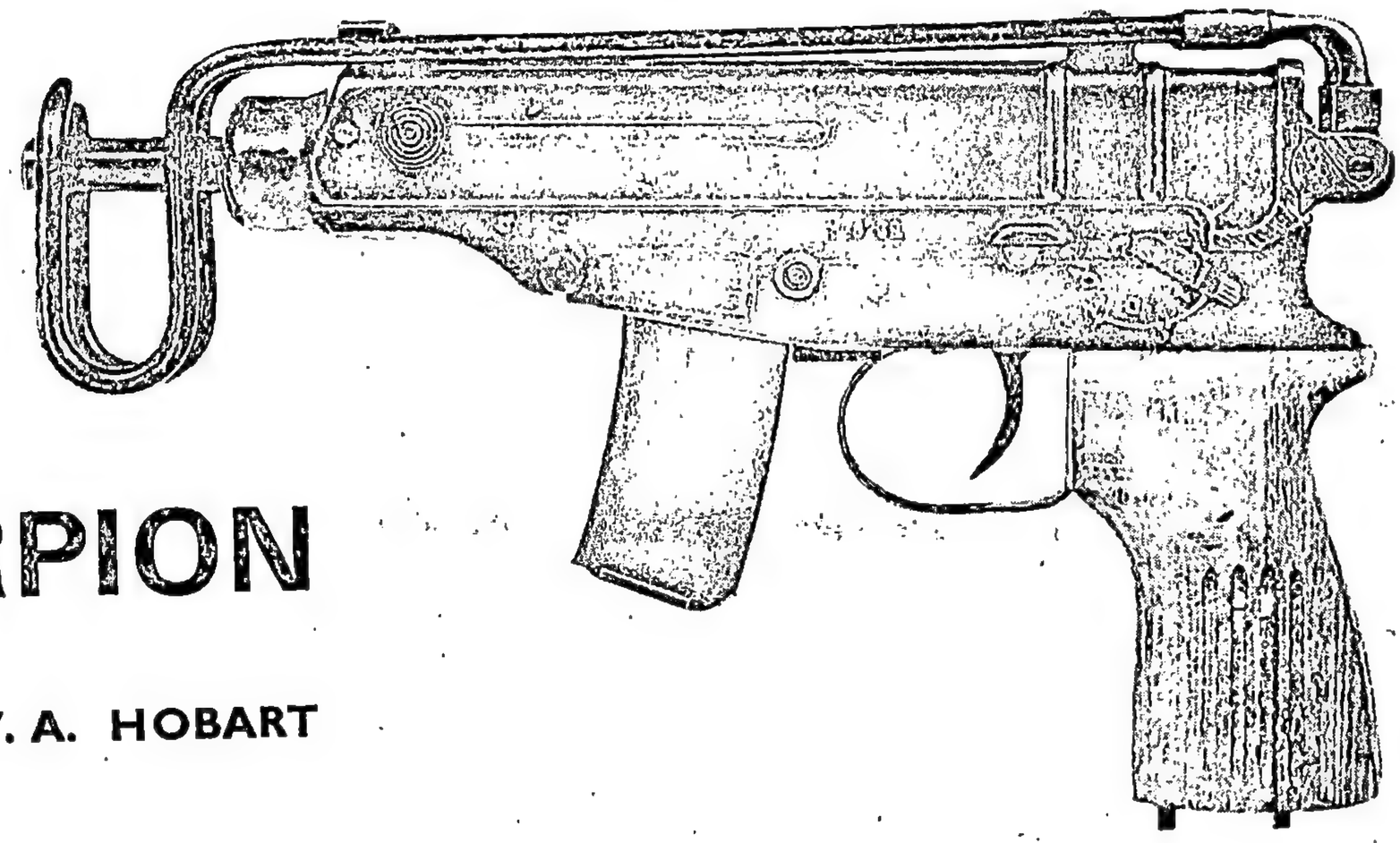


FIGURE 1.

IT is generally taken as gospel that the Eastern Block countries produce their weapons at the diktat of the Soviet, and that the standard Russian cartridge will be used regardless of whether it is the best round for the purpose.

The Czechoslovakian Vzor 61, the Scorpion, is a sharp exception to this accepted practice. It is a selective fire pistol with a swing-over wire shoulder stock that enables it to be used with a very fair chance of successful shooting out to 200 metres, and could be described in military jargon as a "machine pistol". It is, however, not a sub-machine gun.

This weapon fires the American .32 Colt ACP round and this feature alone distinguishes it from all other Communist weapons. Why was this calibre chosen? The muzzle energy is low—less than that of a high velocity .22 LR cartridge. The penetration is limited and the round cannot master body armour at any range beyond point blank. Possibly the answer lies in the Czech hopes of commercial contact with the Free World, for this pistol is available to the West and has been seen in some numbers in Ghana which in the recent past has been used as a showroom of Eastern bloc wares for the emergent African states. This view is reinforced by the method used to indicate the type of fire on the selector lever. Instead of using the usual Czech letters "1" for single shot, "D" for automatic fire and "Z" for safe or the Russian ABT and nP, the Vz 61 uses "1" for single shot, "20" for full auto. and "0" for safe. These numbers are universally understandable in America, Europe and Africa where a semi-literate population can usually be expected to be familiar with Western numerals.

The Vzor 61 was designed and produced in Brno, is used in limited numbers by the Czech Army and is issued to some tank crews. It has been seen carried in a holster strapped to the leg, which is extremely convenient when there is a need to get out of the armoured fighting vehicle for some purpose such as to inspect a track. The hands are free for working and if close range small arms fire is experienced, the pistol can be quickly drawn and with the shoulder stock extended effective suppressive fire can be returned out to 200 metres whilst the tank main armament and co-axial machine gun are rotated to enable the enemy to be dealt with.

The security forces, police and special gendarmerie also have this weapon, and in the European television coverage of the riots that took place in Prague in August, 1969 (on the first anniversary of the Russian occupation of Czechoslovakia), the Model 61 was clearly seen being carried by the police.

The Scorpion can be purchased with a leather belt holster, a shoulder holster, two 10-round magazines in a leather pouch, two 20-round magazines in a leather pouch and a cleaning kit consisting of a rod, oil bottle and a front sight tool. A silencer, in a leather container, is also available.

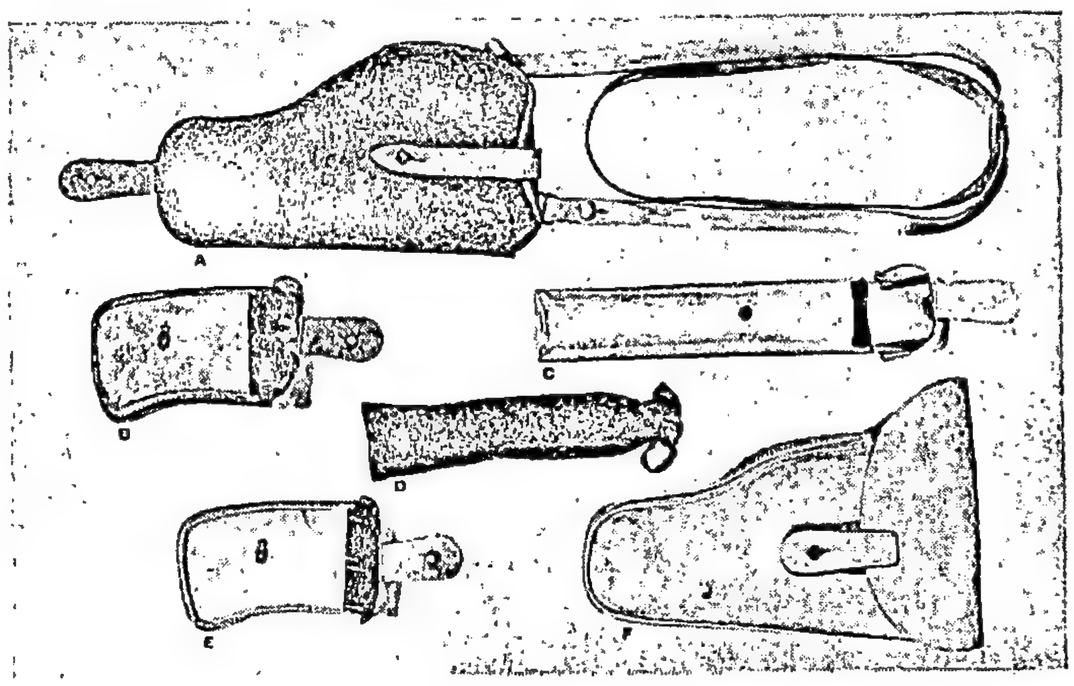
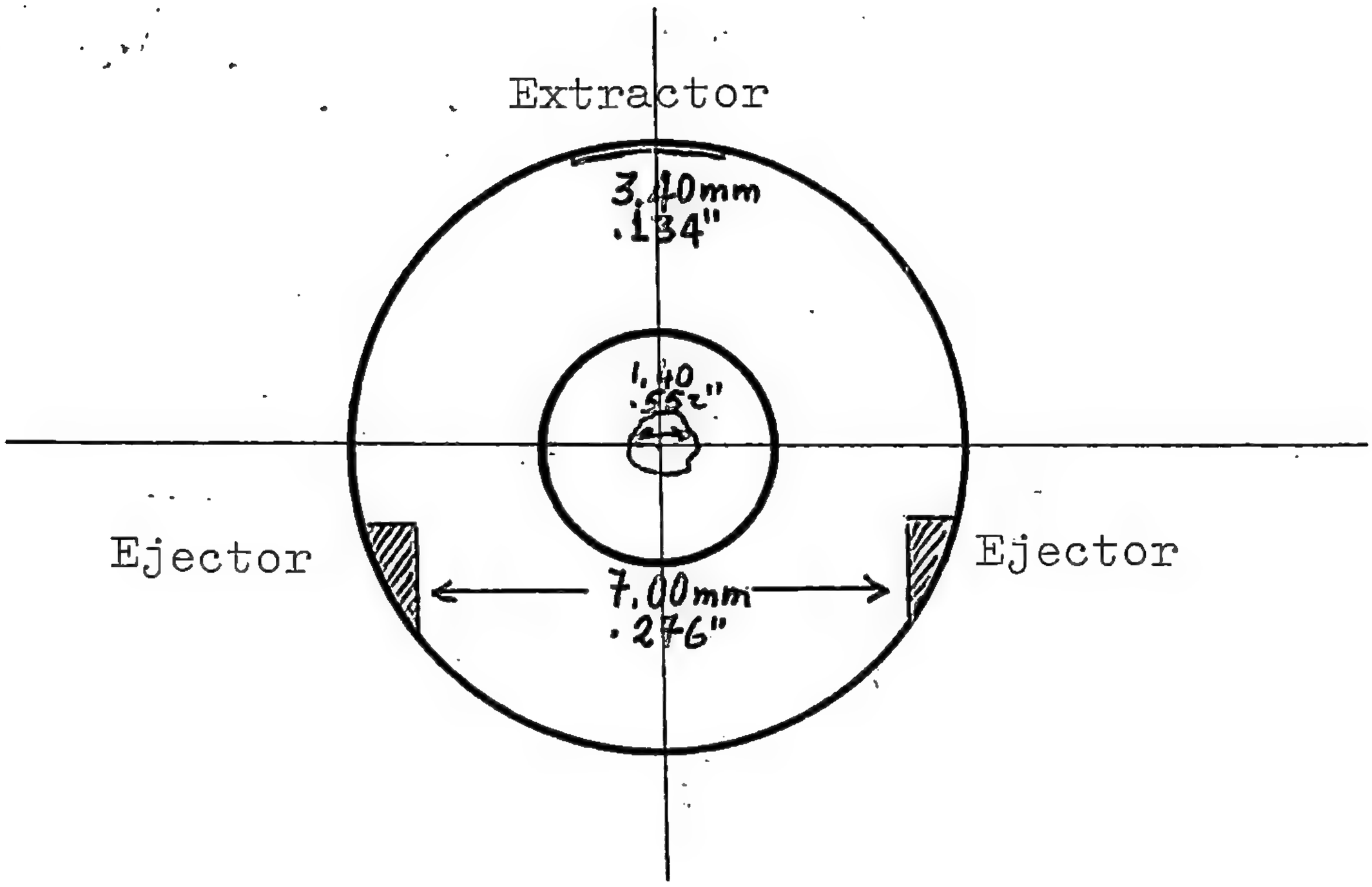


FIGURE 2. Accessories.
A. Shoulder Holster.
B. Magazines.
C. Silencer and Pouch.
D. Cleaning Kit.
E. Magazines.
F. Belt Holster.

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GUN: probable "Vz 61-Skorpion"

CALIBER: 7,65 mm Browning(.32 Auto)

BULLET: a)Twist: 6 R

b)With of Land: 1,35/1,40mm(.053"/.055")

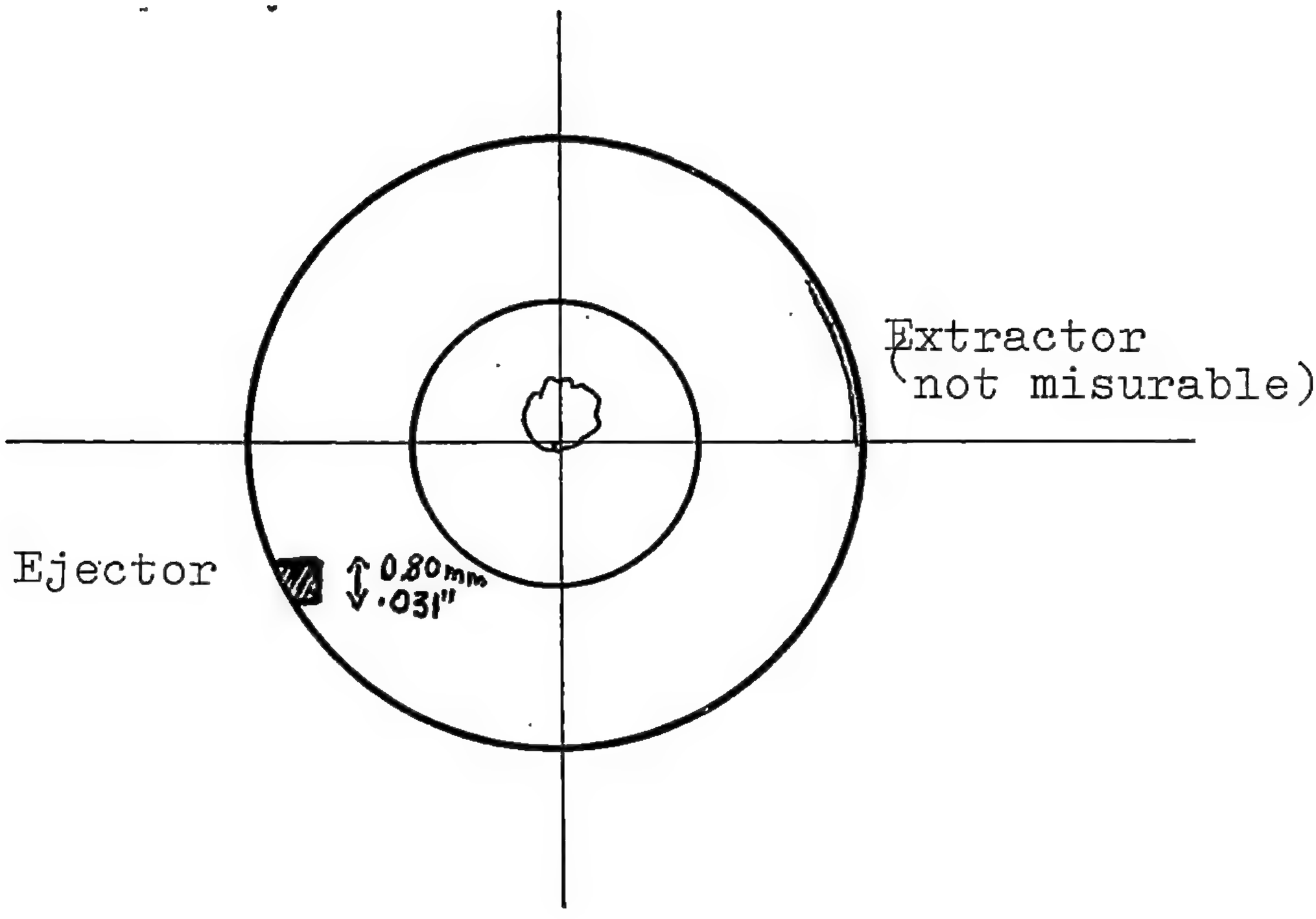
NOTE: a)cartridge W-W .32 AUTO

b)silencer(diameter 2,54 mm- 1")

c) 10 shoot

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GUN: not identificable

caliber: 9 mm short Browning(.380 Auto)

BULLET: a)Twist: 6 R

b)Width of Land:2,55mm .100"
(irregular & straggling)

NOTE: a)cartridge GFL 9M34 75(G.Fiocchi,anno 1975)

b)probable handgun

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ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

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RE ROMA IRTEL, MAY 15, 1978. (U)

ON MAY 15, 1978, URGENT REQUEST RECEIVED FROM ITALIAN JUDICIAL AUTHORITIES FOR FBI LABORATORY ASSISTANCE IN THE ALDO MORO KIDNAPING-MURDER INVESTIGATION. THIS REQUEST FOLLOWS THE DISCOVERY OF MORO'S BODY ON MAY 9, 1978 IN A STOLEN RENAULT FOUND ABANDONED ON VIA MICHELANGELO CAETANI, ROME, ITALY. (U)

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION OF MORO'S BODY REVEALED THAT HE DIED OF ELEVEN GUN SHOT WOUNDS IN THE UPPER LEFT PORTION OF HIS CHEST. ITALIAN BALLISTICS EXPERTS HAVE MADE PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION THAT TWO DIFFERENT WEAPONS WERE USED TO KILL MORO. ONE IS

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TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED AS A 7.65 MM, CZECH VZOR 61 SCORP

AND THE OTHER IS A 9 MM WEAPON OF UNKNO

REROMAIRTEL SETS FORTH DETAILS OF PRELIMINARY BALLISTIC EXAMINATIONS. ENCLOSED WITH REROMAIRTEL ARE SCHEMATIC DRAWINGS OF SHELL CASINGS FOUND AT MURDER SCENE AS WELL AS DETAILED BALLISTIC DATA RE SLUGS RECOVERED FROM MORO'S BODY. IN ADDITION

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Attached teletype indicates ROMAIRTEL with attached evidentiary material already enroute from Rome, Italy, to U. S. for firearms examinations. No previous contact made with FBI Laboratory re this matter. Examinations requested for friendly foreign governments in past have been approved and performed after being considered on case-by-case basis. Such examinations seldom require testimony. Laboratory Division will proceed with examinations Wednesday, May 17, 1978, unless advised to the contrary.

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REROMAIRTEL SETS FORTH REQUEST BY ITALIAN AUTHORITIES FOR SPECIFIC BALLISTIC TESTS TO BE CONDUCTED BY FBI LAB. ITALIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE STRESSED IMPORTANCE AND NEED FOR EXPEDITIOUS HANDLING OF THEIR REQUEST. (U)

TO FACILITATE TRANSMITTAL OF REROMAIRTEL, ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE WITH TWA, ROME, ITALY, TO HAVE AIRTEL HAND CARRIED VIA [redacted], FLIGHT OFFICER IN CHARGE OF TWA FLIGHT 841 TO JFK AIRPORT, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, WHERE HE WILL PERSONALLY HAND OVER AIRTEL TO SA OF THE FBI. TWA FLIGHT 841 IS SCHEDULED TO DEPART FIUMICINO AIRPORT, ROME, ITALY MAY 16, 1978 AT 12:20 PM, ROME TIME AND SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE JFK AIRPORT, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, MAY 16, 1978 AT 3:20 PM, NEW YORK TIME. (U)

[redacted] WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO WAIT, AFTER LANDING AT JFK, IN THE AIRCRAFT COCKPIT, WHERE HE WILL BE CONTACTED BY SA OF THE FBI. [redacted] WILL NOT HAND OVER THE ENVELOPE WHICH IS ADDRESSED TO DIRECTOR, FBI, WASHINGTON, DC, UNLESS PROPER IDENTIFICATION IS DISPLAYED. UPON PICKING UP AIRTEL, NEW YORK DIVISION WILL ARRANGE TO HAVE IT DELIVERED TO FBI LAB, WASHINGTON, DC BY THE MOST EXPEDITIOUS MEANS POSSIBLE, WHICH IN ALL PROBABILITY WOULD ENTAIL A SHUTTLE FLIGHT FROM NEW YORK TO WASHINGTON, DC. UPON ARRIVAL AT

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WASHINGTON, DC, AIRTEL IS TO BE HAND CARRIED TO FBI LAB. UPON RECEIPT, FBI LAB IS REQUESTED TO IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY LEGAT, ROME WHETHER TESTS REQUESTED BY ITALIAN AUTHORITIES CAN BE PERFORMED. IF TESTS ARE POSSIBLE, RESULTS AND OTHER MATERIAL REQUESTED BY ITALIAN AUTHORITIES SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY FORWARDED TO LEGAT, ROME VIA MOST EXPEDITIOUS MEANS POSSIBLE. PLEASE ADVISE LEGAT, ROME OF ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR DELIVERY OF LAB RESULTS AND MATERIAL TO ROME, INCLUDING IDENTITY OF AIR CARRIER, FLIGHT NUMBER AND ARRIVAL TIME, ETC. (¢) u

IT IS NOTED THAT ITALIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE EXPRESSED URGENT NEED FOR THE RESULTS OF THESE LAB TESTS NOTING THAT THEY REPRESENT A CRUCIAL ASPECT OF THEIR INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS IN THE MORO INVESTIGATION. CONSEQUENTLY, THEY HAVE REQUESTED TO BE ADVISED OF THE RESULTS AND FURNISHED THE MATERIAL DESCRIBED IN REROMAIRTEL BY MAY 20, 1978. (¢) u

REQUEST OF BUREAU

FBI LAB IS REQUESTED TO CONDUCT TESTS AND FURNISH MATERIAL AND INFORMATION DESCRIBED IN REROMAIRTEL BY MOST EXPEDITIOUS MEANS POSSIBLE TO LEGAT, ROME, NOTING THAT ITALIAN AURHORITIES HAVE EXPRESSED NEED FOR RESULTS BY MAY 20, 1978. (¢) u

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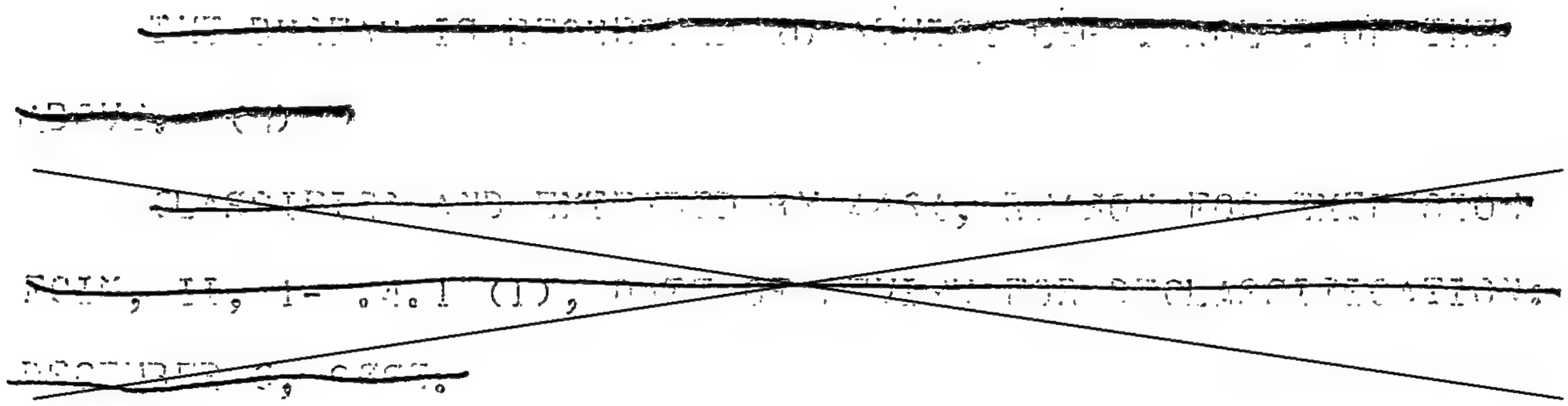
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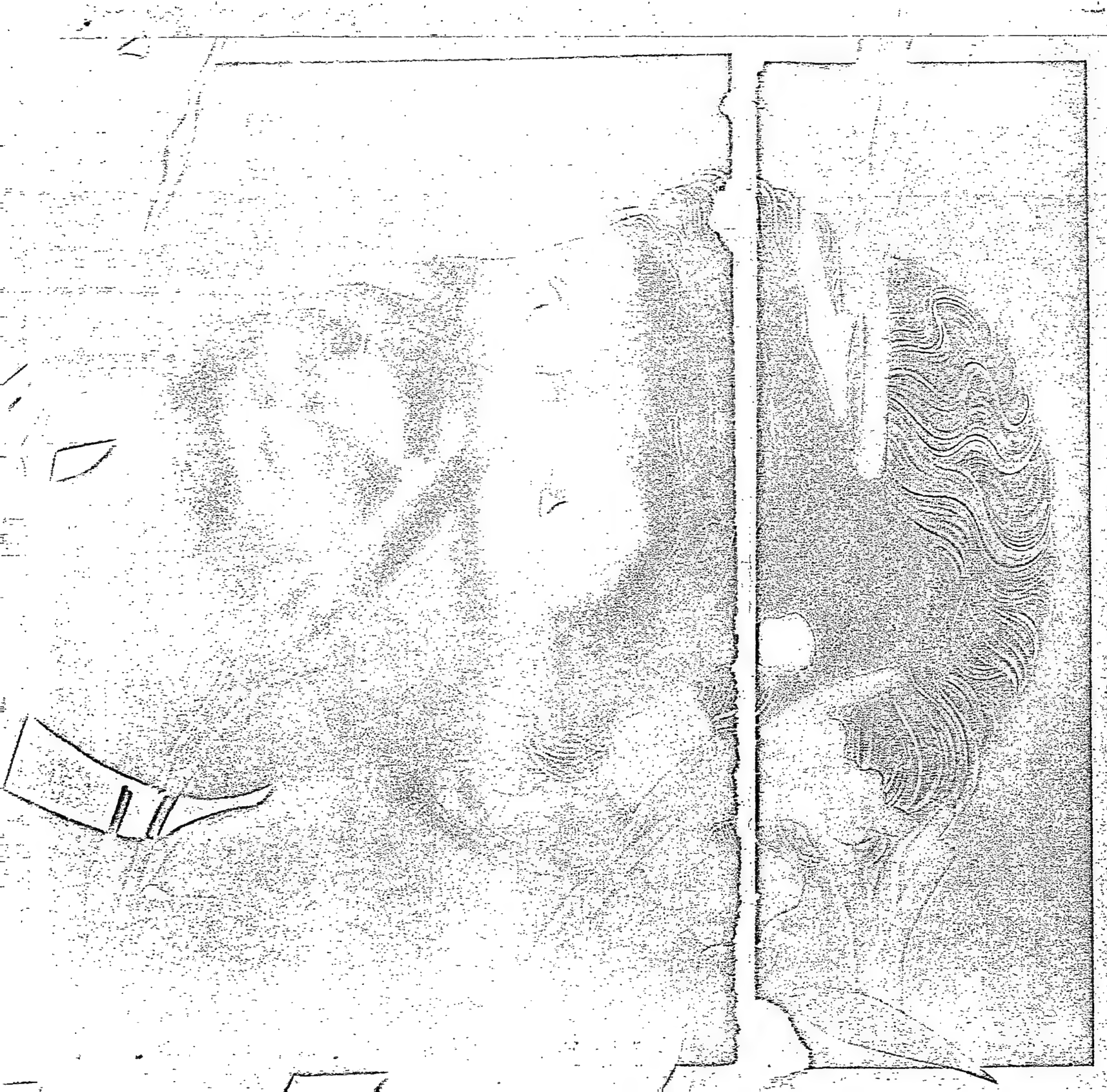
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Crucified, Aldo Moro was worth more votes to the Christian Democrats than he was breathing; the Red Brigades shot him eleven times, then wrapped him in orange vinyl.

On March 16, 1978, Aldo Moro, president of Italy's ruling party, the Christian Democrats, was kidnapped by terrorists, an act setting off the greatest manhunt in history and seriously shaking the Italian government. On May 8 Moro was killed when the government refused to exchange thirteen terrorist leaders for him. *Penthouse* sent Pietro Di Donato, an Italian-American novelist and the author of *Christ in Concrete*, to cover the story.

For months the Aldo Moro case called worldwide attention to the existence of the Brigate Rosse—Italy's Red Brigades—but for all of its saturation coverage, the media never talked to a BR member. Small wonder. Italians talk only to other Italians.

Five years ago, while writing a movie script in Italy, I met, through a Communist senator (who would today like to forget the whole thing), a man whom I'll call R1. He was a successful

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businessman; he was also a revolutionary, though there was no talk of the then-nonviolent Red Brigades.

Since I travel to Italy frequently, we kept in touch. When I began to believe that R1 was in earnest, was really involved in antigovernment actions, my interest deepened; I'd joined the Communist party on August 23, 1927, the day capitalism killed Sacco and Vanzetti; I was sixteen. Out of their deaths and the earlier death of my father, Geremio, came my novel Christ in Concrete. *Since then I've grown more sophisticated about the nature of all political groups—I'm no longer a card carrier—but I've kept on searching.*

Last May I returned to Rome for the Moro affair. I was prepared to try to use R1 and to let him try to use me, and I think the bargain worked out fine. Through R1 I met another man—I might as well call him R2—who had access to the master cell that kidnapped and executed Aldo Moro. I spent two months interviewing the two Brigatisti, friends of the Moro family, police, journalists, political observers, priests—whoever would talk to me. From the material I gathered I allowed myself the license to portray Moro's fifty-four-day ordeal and crucifixion.

The word sacrifice, from the Latin, means "to make holy." R1 and I discussed the taking of life—the bloodiest and cruelest and perhaps the most necessary act visited upon man by man—from the little Jewish carpenter of Nazareth, to the never-ending bloodbath of war, to my illiterate bricklayer father, sacrificed in concrete to the Great God Job, to Aldo Moro, the synthetic savior of the Christian Democrats, the crucified politician, the modern plastic Christ . . .

The killers of Aldo Moro will never be found. . . . His mutual sacrificers will not permit it.—P. D. D.

ROME, MARCH 16, 1978

Aldo Moro, the Godfather of the ruling Christian Democrats, has espresso and pastry, shaves, dresses in a conservative suit, and listens to the cautionary counsel of his homely wife, Eleonora.

It is 8:30 A.M. The bell rings; the voice from the intercom at the street entrance is that of Marshal Oreste Leonardi, Moro's protecting shadow. Eleonora Moro tells him to come up with his boys for coffee. The ritual occurs every morning as though for the first time.

Hats in hand, the bodyguards enter. They wear civilian clothes. With the marshal are Domenico Ricci, the son of peasants and Moro's chauffeur for twenty years; young Giulio Rivera, from a Campobasso farm; chunky Raffaele Iozzino, a laborer's son; and Francesco Zizzi, also from a poor family. Zizzi is elated. It is his first day in the envious job; he is replacing Officer Gentiluomo, who has suddenly and inexplicably left Moro's employ (and who subsequently disappears). "My whole family lit candles to Our Lady of Fatima in gratitude for my being given the honor of guarding the precious life of the president of the Christian Democrat party," Zizzi babbles to Mrs. Moro.

In the Balduina section of Rome, four men of the Red Brigades (Brigate Rosse), wearing the blue hats, insignia, and uniforms of Alitalia pilots, pack machine guns in airline bags.

At 8:30 A.M. they are driven in a white Fiat 128, with a Diplomatic Corps license plate, toward Monte Mario, the Roman suburb where Moro lives. Simultaneously, from separate points of departure, three more Fiats, carrying seven men and a blonde, and a motorcyclist dressed as a policeman head for Monte Mario. The white Fiat stops at the curb on upper Via Mario Fani. The two men in front remain in the car. The four "pilots" casually walk one block to the intersection of Via Mario Fani and Via Stresa and stand chatting in front of a closed bar. The corner is a bus stop for Alitalia limousine service to Leonardo da Vinci airport. The three other cars and the "policeman"

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Zucor told Moro: "You are an embarrassment now to church and state. Crucified, you may be of more use."

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on his high-powered motorcycle park behind the white Fiat. Several other commandos, dressed as telephone workers, stand by to sabotage telephone lines.

Two housewives come out of the corner apartment building opposite the bus stop. One has a dog on a leash. They comment on the absence of a florist, Antonio Spiriticchio, and his wife. In any weather the two arrive in a van each morning to set up flowers on the sidewalk. Today is crisp and sunny. They should be here.

An old man on a balcony feeds and talks to his canaries. A police car filled with carabinieri races by, speeding dangerously for no reason, as usual. A few middle-aged professional men leave home.

The BR has worked on this operation for months. In Czechoslovakia they rehearsed the ambush to come with cars and dummies—each move laid out geometrically, pinpointed and timed. The night before, two of them had gone to Via Angelo Brunetti 38, where the florist Spiriticchio lives, and slashed the tires of his Ford van so that it wouldn't obstruct their shooting. (They planned to do a lot of it.)

Aldo Moro bids his wife and three of his four grown children *adio*. Eleonora goes about her chores.

The leader of the Christian Democrats leaves his house at Via del Forte Trionfale 79 and gets into his blue Fiat 130. Moro is a methodical man. People in the neighborhood are familiar with his habits and route. Each morning he stops to pray at the church of Santa Chiara, pauses at his favorite newsstand to buy the official organs of the six Italian political parties, and then goes on to government business. (On the night before, however, Moro had told Leonardi that, for safety's sake, they would use a new, devious way to get to the seat of government in the center of Rome. Then he phoned Leonardi and told him he'd decided to go along Via Mario Fani, as usual. The Red Brigades commandos were apprised of both changes. They also knew neither of Moro's cars was bulletproof.)

Domenico Ricci drives carefully. By his side is Marshal Leonardi; Aldo Moro is in the left rear seat. The official escort car, a white 130 Alfa Romeo "Alfetta" model, carrying Rivera, Zizzi, and Iozzino, follows.

Many aviation personnel live in Monte Mario. An airline employee, spotting the four Alitalia "pilots," stops his sports car and says he has room for two passengers. They thank him and say they'll wait for the Alitalia limousine, due shortly, because they want to stay together.

At the newsstand the vendor praises Moro for having shaped the new coalition—meaning Moro's "historic compromise" with Enrico Berlinguer and the Communists. This very morning a new government will be formed; forty-six elected officials, members of Moro's Christian Democrats and Berlinguer's *Partito Communisti Italiano* (PCI), will be selected.

The two Moro cars leave the newsstand at 8:55. Moro hates fast driving. He glances at *Paesa Sera*, the Communist paper, and *Il Messagero*, then reads about himself in *Il Giorno*. *Il Giorno* emphasizes the loyalty to Moro of Italian President Giovanni Leone, Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti, Senate President Amintore Fanfani, and Christian Democrat Secretary Benigno Zaccagnini. Moro has to smile. Fanfani is openly maneuvering for his job. They are all about as trustworthy as vampires.

At 9:00 Ricci drives by the landmark of Forte Trionfale; three minutes later he turns left on Via Mario Fani.

The commandos' white Fiat begins to tra the Moro cars. The other three BR car follow it. Ahead, on the corner, the pilot unzip their bags and step into the street. few yards from the intersection of Via Stres and Via Fani, the white Fiat speeds up passes Moro's car, swerves in front of it, an stops dead. Ricci jams on the brakes t avoid a collision, and the second Mor guard car bangs into him, shaking ever one slightly. Moro, engaged with the politi cal news, pays little attention.

Before Moro's guards can react, the BF commandos open fire. The telephone lines are cut at the precise moment the shootin

starts. The two men from the white Fiat and the pilots are blasting away from the front and street sides, the fake motorcycle cop and commandos from the other three cars from the rear. They fire hundreds of bullets, riddling each guard from head to waist. Only young Iozzino makes it out of the second Moro car, and the automatic-weapons fire nearly cuts him in half.

Moro, cringing, is spattered with the blood and brains of his guards. He is dragged from his car. In his fright he clings to his portfolio, as if it can save him, but in the street he drops it and begins crying: "Please let me go—what do you want of me?" The BR commandos abandon their white car, shove Moro into one of the others, then screech out of Via Fani, turning right at the corner, and roaring up Via Stresa. The motorcyclist brings up the rear.

The whole operation takes less than a minute.

The BR cars turn on Via Trionfale and race to Via Casale De Bustis. Two of the cars stop and transfer Moro to a waiting car. Then everyone goes in different directions.

Moro is held on the floor and drugged; taking him any distance is hazardous, despite the sabotaging of the telephone lines. The car containing Moro and two of the Alitalia "pilots," who have now ditched their hats and coats, slows down and pulls into the cavernous underground garage of a large apartment complex in Balduina, just ten minutes away. The garage attendants are BR, prepared to receive Moro.

There was an unnatural quiet in Via Fani. Then the residents came out to safely view the bodies. Young, fat Iozzino was sprawled in the gutter with outstretched arms, red openings in his groin, chest, arms, and face. A woman placed *Il Giorno* over him, but a breeze blew the sports section from his indifferent face. In the escort car, Zizzi and Rivera, painted with blood, looked like they'd been flung by the hand of God or the devil. In Moro's car Marshal Leonardi's head was pressed on driver Ricci's chest, and Ricci's bloody mouth was on Leonardi's forehead, as though kissing him.

Via Mario Fani became a Verdi opera; police, *carabinieri*, and the army came careening at breakneck speed, sirens screaming. Armed helicopters hovered, as though they could fight and destroy the Red Brigades at the scene of the crime. Then came Cardinal Poletti, vicar of Rome, reinforced by his monsignors and priests.

Eleonora Moro and her four children arrived. The poor woman went from corpse to corpse. She said to people: "I knew each. They were good boys. I would rather have wept the death of my husband than to see these so young dead."

Before RAI Telegiornale television cameras, the politicians came and held Eleonora's hands. They vowed fidelity and solidarity, love and prayers. They vowed all aid to redeem her kidnapped husband.

In his high voice, fascist Republican Ugo La Malfa said, "We are in a state of war. We need the death penalty returned!" Socialist Bettino Craxi brayed incomprehensibly. Prime Minister Andreotti, in his government building, vomited with excitement and had to change his clothes. Francesco Cossiga, minister of the interior and head of security, became hysterical. He called the Pentagon and the CIA, the *Bundeskriminalamt* specialists in Wiesbaden, Scotland Yard, the French Secret Service, the League of Private Detectives, and all departments of his police. He ordered thousands of *carabinieri, granatieri, and bersaglieri* from such distant places as Sicilia, Calabria, and Sardegna called out. "I want every telephone in Italy controlled!" he shouted.

The BR called the major newspapers, saying they had killed "Cossiga's leatherheads" and kidnapped Aldo Moro. But so did the Walter Alasia Column of Revolutionary Action, the Armed Proletarian Cells (NAP), the Group Action Partisans (GAP), and the Baader-Meinhof gang.

The little Sardinian duke and millionaire head of Italy's Communist party, "the father of Euro-Communism," Enrico Berlinguer, swore that it was all a plot by multinational conglomerates. According to "the cybernetics of probabilities," it was the "last psychological chess move of universal capitalism" that was subsidizing the "fake Communists" of the Red Brigades to commit atrocities in order to shock the good people of the world and turn them against his Italian Communist party.

The families of the guards came to Via Fani to identify the bodies. Detectives and reporters questioned residents. An old lady said a woman had been in command of the *Brigatisti*, a blonde who barked orders in German. The Secret Police received a call from a guttural female voice: "*Aldo mit uns!*" A man at a window said the leader had been a bearded fat man who shouted with a Milanese accent. A woman reported that she had photographed the ambush and turned the film over to the police, but it "disappeared." No two stories agreed.

The florist, Antonio Spiriticchio, and his wife were seized and given the third degree. A neighbor who had a grudge against him said Spiriticchio was a *Brigatista*. Another swore she'd taken her dog out at dawn to pee and had seen two men slashing the tire sof Spiriticchio's Ford van. She'd called the police. They did not appear. Other neighbors spoke on the florist's behalf. Antonio Spiriticchio, then was treated as a hero. Mrs. Spiriticchio was even interviewed on television. She said she had seen the killings and the kidnapping of Aldo Moro and gave a stirring, detailed account—never mind that she was ten miles away, helping her husband remove the flat tires of the van, when the slaughter happened. Italians don't care whether a story is true or not so long as it is well told.

In his Turin prison, Renato Curcio, founder of the Red Brigades, and twelve other BR members under charges of "kneecap-

ping" (shooting government officials and businessmen in the knees) and subversion, heard the news on the radio while in the exercise yard. They raised their fists, shouted revolutionary slogans, and sang "The Red Flag."

Pope Paul VI sent Eleonora Moro a telegram: "I desire to express my alarm and unity with you at the ambush that snatched your beloved consort and cut off the lives of five innocents. . . ." Fanfani, Berlinguer, Zaccagnini, and the rest of Aldo's comrades and "friends to the end" called Eleonora in the night. Their messages were like that of the pope: saccharine hope and no commitment.

Eleonora talked with her children: Maria Fida, a journalist with the *Gazzetta del Mezzogiorno*; Anna, a pediatrician; Agnese, a librarian; and Giovanni, a law student. Each was a child of our time, an intellectual of the far left who had condemned the father's reactionary establishment. They spoke of the kidnapping in 1974 of the hated Genovese prosecutor, fascist Mario Sossi, in the BR's Operation Sunflower.

The BR had tried Sossi, sentenced him to death, and then said they would release him if certain BR prisoners were freed. Sossi and his wife implored the government to negotiate. It refused. So Sossi and his wife clamored to the newspapers that his fellow politicians had cynically signed his death warrant. The only moral government in Italy was the press. The BR in Genoa, having made their point and using the propaganda to gain sympathy with the people, released Sossi without condition after holding him for a month.

"But," said Eleonora, "the situation with Papa is different. Until now the BR has not killed anyone. With Papa, they went past the point of no return. Now they will go all the way. I had a chill from the ambiguous demeanor of Pope Paul and Zaccagnini and the others. They will stand, cowardly, on the mythical honor of church and state and become our mortal enemies."

It was Eleonora who had said in 1964: "To me the political world is inhuman. Within these walls [the Moro apartment] shall prevail only human sentiments!" Hard to believe, but Moro was forbidden to talk politics in his own home.

Security head Cossiga—who owed his career to Moro and claimed to love him with all his heart—overnight turned Italy into a police state. The police actually searched the labyrinthine underground garage in the apartment building where the master cell held Aldo Moro, but their inspection was superficial. They chatted with the *Brigatisti* garage attendants, then cleared the place of suspicion. In a gesture of contempt, the BR drove back to within a block of the scene of the massacre on Via Fani and abandoned the three ambush cars.

MARCH 18

At noon the BR called Ezio Pasera, who is a reporter for *Il Messagero*.

"This is the Red Brigades."

"If you're the Red Brigades," said Pasera, "I'm Buffalo Bill."

But the caller was calm and serious: "In the underpassage between Largo Argentina and Via Arenual there is a booth with a Xerox machine. On top, under a ream of paper, is a yellow business envelope. In it you will find Communication Number One and a photo."

Pasera hastened, knowing that all press phones were tapped. He got there before the cops and found the envelope. The message was a declaration of war upon the system of "corrupt clowns" of the government and announced the beginning of a protracted trial of the prisoner before the so-called peoples' tribunal. Reactionaries subsequently said that the BR had already slain Moro and that the photo was a montage. But experts said it was an authentic Polaroid: Moro with an open white shirt was seated before a big banner that said BRIGATE ROSSE; the BR emblem, a five-pointed star in a circle, was clearly visible. Moro had a querulous, mocking, anticlimactic expression: lucid apprehension confronting grotesque destiny.

That afternoon saw the funeral of the guards in the church of San Lorenzo.

The Red Brigades are referred to by the "Sbirri" *and* "Sgherri"—*the police and their agent provocateurs*—as the "Bierre," *the Italian phonetic pronunciation for the letters* B *and* R. *Italians like laconic labels, and so the press and magazines always reduce* "Brigate Rosse" *to the simple* "BR."

In its fledgling days the BR had no precise setup. But after two notable betrayals by alleged members Marco Pisetta and an unsavory ex-priest, Silvano Girotto, that led to the arrest of Renato Curcio, the BR perfected an organic structure of autonomous cells. Each cell has three members. Six cells in a pyramid form a nucleus. The national pyramid is a foolproof construction of all the successive, autonomous pyramids. The BR is like a worm cut into many parts. It exists as separate entities. When police chance upon a cell, the captured don't know the whole BR operation and thus cannot betray it. The Sbirri *don't get blood from stones. So they content themselves with irrelevant units. For cosmetic reasons they falsify their findings.*

It is not easy to get into the BR. Leading members include psychologists, who critically evaluate prospective joiners. The traitors Pisetta and Girotto proved a lesson.

"Zucor"—not his real name—the director of the master cell in charge of the March 16 operation, received the president of the Christian Democrats with civility. The BR, Zucor told Moro, were not brigands like the bums kidnapping wealthy industrialists throughout the country. The BR was an as yet unrecognized political group at war with the "legitimate" régime. No matter what you called the régime, it was dominated, as through the centuries, by family

dynasties, landowners, corporations, and foreigners—particularly American interests. Moro had to admit that, no? So Moro was not kidnapped for money; he was a political prisoner. Moro grunted at Zucor and asked if political prisoners needed to be trussed up like chickens.

The BR master-cell hideout in which Moro was to be held for the next fifty-four days had been a year in preparation. It was a soundproof dead-storage space in a huge, anonymous apartment building; entry was made through a false wall. It was stocked with enough provisions so that entries were minimal—once a day at most, at a prearranged hour that changed constantly. *Brigatisti* attendants working in the underground garage were on guard twenty-four hours. Zucor did not even chance an illegal telephone.

A doctor examined Moro. He was anemic and had a cyst of the thyroid and some degeneration of the left kidney. Otherwise, he wasn't too bad.

Italy is a small place. It turned out that Zucor and Moro were not strangers.

Zucor and Moro recalled meeting through the Communist writer, Carlo Levi. Moro had been minister of public education, Fanfani was president, and Angelo Roncalli had just become Pope John XXIII. Moro and Zucor, both attractive men (Zucor was a few years younger), had talked about their mistresses and then about the perpetual politics. Zucor had said he was a revolutionary: "When you were a young, compliant officer in the Fascist army, I was underground, hiding Communists and Jews and killing Blackshirts and Nazis." In 1970 he'd left the "corrupt Communists" and joined the Brigate Rosse, a younger, less "intellectual" group that purged itself regularly, and had come to believe in violence "when necessary."

Captor and prisoner now had graying hair. Moro looked at Zuccor and said, "Politics means life to me. It is my art, more a methodology than a system of ideas."

Zucor said, "I had all the pleasures and a chain of infatuations, but I had an empathy for the deprived, and that became my sensuality. We are opposite parts, polarized forces, but I feel for you and your family."

Moro watched Zucor, who made a solemn ritual of cooking. The food was good, but Moro hardly ate and lost weight. He thought of his villa, "Three Geese," and little farm in Torrita Tiberina, where only recently Eleonora had planted fava beans; artichokes, tomatoes, peppers, greens, and herbs.

Eventually, Moro had the run of the confined space. He was given reading material, a television set, and a record player, but the sound on the latter two were fixed on low.

As time passed, Zucor and Moro developed a curious fraternity. Moro did not have to be pressured, just spoken to. He was not toyed with. Zucor told him, "We are not your brutal Cossiga police. In your trial you will cooperate and give us the inner workings of the crimes your government has committed. If condemned to die, you may live, if exchanged for the BR prisoners in Turin. We would rather see you live. We expect you to help yourself and do hope you are saved by your friends."

Moro's trial was informal and grave. He thought of Raskolnikov and his affable prosecutor. There was nothing Zucor and his jury could tell him about himself. In thirty years of political juggling, the press had already caricatured him as the Levantine Clausewitz, the Latin Kerensky, the Trojan Horse of Clerical Marxism, the Pygmalion of Liberalism, the Machiavelli of Pasta Politics, the Theorist of Doubt, the Hamlet of Dialectics, the Last Bus for the Italian Bourgeoisie . . . Moro's irony asserted itself. He grinned at the avalanche: "You have presided at the councils that decided upon reactionary laws. You are responsible for the killings of striking workers in Scelba, Modena, Reggio Emilia, Palermo, Catania, and many other places; and for the murder of Mara, Renato Curcio's wife, and the students Roberto Franceschi and Giorgiana Masi. You are guilty of involvement in countless scandals involving oil deals, coffee purchases, Lockheed, arms traffic. You've held every government post; therefore you're guilty of every crime."

The interrogation began. Moro's answers were recorded. His denials were futile. "Leone embezzled large sums, is it not so?" "No." "You lie!" "His wife, Vittoria, conducted sex orgies in the president's country mansion, 'Le Rughe,' is it not true?" "No!" "You lie!"

Moro was regularly inundated with radical literature: the publication *"Counterinformation"* and four books about the Red Brigades: *Criminalization of the Class Struggle*; *BR—Documents and Chronicles of the Red Brigades*, *Red Emergency*, and *Never Again Without a Rifle!—Origin of the BR*. He read about himself, the BR's analysis of the phrases of the Moro-esque style that was fashioned to "mesmerize the mediocre Senate": "linguistic modules sent into political orbit," "parallel convergence," "convergence of postures," "convergence of squared circles," "convergence of contrary rationales," "reciprocal comprehension of diverse fronts." Then there was that term so dear to him, *pluralismo*, used in combinations: "juridical pluralism," "practical and polemical pluralism." Moro had coined "interclassism," "centrism," "experimental caution," "operation without trauma," "fluid situational rapport," "angularity of confluent visions." In a circumstance beyond his control (the first time this had happened to him since, as a student, he'd learned the political poetry of duplicity), Moro was reading about another Aldo Moro. This one was the Father of Lies. He saw his words covered with flies.

At night, in what he'd hoped would be merciful slumber, he began to dream of

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Eleonora and his children in the villa "Three Geese." But his wife was scowling, and the children were sneering. More and more often, he found himself in the realm of dormant phantasmagoria, wandering and conferring with grinning Zaccagnini and fawning Cossiga in the Palazzo Chigi, Montecitorio, the Viminale, the Department of Justice, or in Christian Democrat headquarters on the Piazza di Gesu. Moro dreamed of himself scheming without end: Malvolio, or as they called him in Naples and the south, "*Lenguanero*" ("Black tongue").

He, Fanfani, Andreotti, and Cossiga, in the name of democracy, had struck laws more unjust than those of Il Duce. Moro had long felt the hate of the young, but in recent years hate seemed universal. Zucor and his jurors now reminded Moro of how indifferent the Italian masses were to his plight. He was far from a popular man. His kidnapping, like any other circus act, was welcomed as a diversion from the bleak boredom of life without work, money, or dreams.

Moro and Zucor were both very Catholic, a fact overlooked by many commentators on the case, including the shrill bitch journalist Oriana Fallaci. As Moro began to see how abandoned he was by politicians, religionists, and friends, he came to savor his imprisonment, the absence of power. Gradually, as he talked to Zucor and observed the BR, a curious romanticism, the basis of Moro's occult Catholicism, long buried, reasserted itself, perhaps reawakened by the stress that flooded him. According to Zucor, Moro seemed glad he was being punished . . .

At the BR's direction, Moro wrote letters in his scholarly, middle-class manner to each of his associates, trying to convince them that the people's court was serious, that the guerrillas of the Red Brigades were at war with the government, and that the international rules of warfare applied. An exchange of prisoners was necessary. He wrote nearly eighty letters. On the outside, people assumed he was being tortured and drugged.

Moro and the BR watched the news of their drama daily on Telegiornale. Autonomous BR cells called in spurious leads, and the police raced madly through the streets and countryside to raid barns and cellars. They even searched congregations at Mass. The affair was made for television, and Moro began to see his life as a soap opera. Each day, following the exacting ordeal of his own trial, Moro watched the televised legal proceedings against Renato Curcio, Roberto Ognibene, and Alberto Franceschini, the chiefs of the BR. They were in chains, caged like birds in a Turin courtroom. Two of their lawyers, suave Guisa and falcon-faced Di Giovanni, questioned prospective jurors. The process had been going on for a long time, since no one wanted to sit in judgment of the BR. Italian *Christiani* knew their Ecclesiastes: "A time to kill—a time to keep one's mouth shut."

Moro watched Cossiga, his former protégé, justify the Italian government's implacable stand against making any deal with the BR to save him. Cossiga, viewed by millions, mouthed a quote from the Catholic martyr Thomas More: "In our moral purpose we must proceed with utmost firmness not apparent to the public." Moro saw his iron-faced wife talking with the bizarrely attired, skinny old man of the Vatican, the absurd claimant to infallibility and intimacy with the Creator of the cosmos. Eleonora asked the pope for the deliverance of her husband. The pope broke wind on her burning heart; he bestowed pietist vaporings upon her. Moro, immersed in a fathomless moment of truth, reasoned: "The pope has a language difficulty—he does not know how to utter simple words: 'I, the spiritual guide of 700 million followers, can and will save Aldo Moro.'" And Moro saw Fanfani and Zaccagnini, protected by a small army, enter his home to warn his wife and children not to negotiate with the BR. He saw them then as false faces and the mirror of his soul told him that he too had been the master of masks.

Zucor told Moro that after a strategy of tension his life could be exchanged for the Turin comrades. However, in analyzing Moro's position, he minced no words. "You are an embarrassment now to church and state. Crucified, you may be of more use." This situation was exacerbated by Aniello Coppola's biography, *Moro*. It had been selling well before the kidnapping, and it brought to light the minutiae of thirty years of Mephisto manipulation of Italy—Italians called Italy, "*Italia Morotea*." Moro and his government had been mute about Vietnam, Chile, and the South American dictatorships manufactured in the White House. Worse, they had daily loused up Italy. In their weekly pre-Communion confessions, there was never the breath of *mea maxima culpa*.

At one point, Moro asked Zucor the significance of his being snatched on March 16. "Giangiacomo Feltrinelli [the GAP revolutionary] was murdered by your government and the CIA on the sixteenth," Zucor replied.

Feltrinelli and Zucor, very wealthy and of the nobility, had long been friends. For a brief period Zucor and Feltrinelli had been playboys, sniffing coke with the industrial royalty. Zucor's father was a dilettante poet, and to their palazzo came Benedetto Croce and the towering thinkers and artists. By the time he was twelve, Zucor had read the 2,000 books in his father's library. Zucor's mother wrote love stories under a pen name. To Zucor, she was queen of the universe. Zucor went to mass because his

mother loved Christ. She died at ninety-five, a few months before the Via Fani venture. Zucor's space in the Moro hideout was hung with his mother's worn crucifixes and rosaries.

Brilliant Feltrinelli expanded his family's publishing house and founded an institute documenting the history of workers' movements. He joined the Communists, but uncompromising revolution was in his blood; in 1957 he broke with Palmiro Togliatti and the Italian Communist party, contending that it "pissed on the heads of the workers."

He visited Castro in the Sierra Maestra and went with Ché Guevara and Regis Debray to the jungles of Bolivia (where, ironically, only his fortune and status saved him). He later tracked down one of Ché's assassins, Roberto Quintanilla, in the Bolivian Consulate in Hamburg. The gun that killed Quintanilla was Feltrinelli's Colt Cobra.

The United States' military intervention in South America and Indochina convinced Feltrinelli that at any moment the CIA would turn Italy into another Chile. In Italy he went underground. Under many names, he furnished seed money for various radical groups: the "Hammer and Sickles," "Italian Marxist-Leninist Party," "G.A.P.," "XXII Ottobre." In 1969 at the University of Trento and in the factories of Turin, Genoa, and Milan, through Feltrinelli, Zucor, Curcio, and Curcio's wife, Mara, the Brigate Rosse was born.

The soul and nucleus of the BR is now the imprisoned *Brigatisti*. Somehow they communicate with anonymous, sympathetic intellectuals, professional people, and workers, sending out guidelines to the molecular network of terrorism. Zucor spoke of articulation in "capillary circles" of *'simpatizzanti'* "—adherents interconnected according to the sophisticated techniques of modern clandestine war. The BR has gone from minor to major bloody episodes relatively quickly. But the ruthless character of its attacks, Zucor points out, is in the great tradition of political killings in Italy—even the Jesuits claimed the right to murder rulers who opposed the "will of God and the people." Power has its own logic.

Moro was the brains of the Catholic and dollar democratic hierarchy. "Go with the times and absorb the adversary," said Moro, who had begun his career in Bari as a sycophant of the Catholic Fascist party. Systematically, the BR maintained, he'd brought the mundane methods of the Holy Roman Empire and the age of the degenerate popes to the modern Italian ruling class. Even now street cynics sneer: "The Holy Roman Empire can never die; if the BR wins, the Vatican will simply bless it."

MARCH 29

Moro's letter to Cossiga: "Caro Francesco . . ." After bourgeois amenities, he broaches the realism of a deal.

In the *Corriere della Sera*, Zaccagnini says, "Did the maximum leader and inspirer of Italian politics write it, or an Aldo

Moro reduced to impotence in a vile prison, stunned by drugs and psychological brainwashing? . . . Surely the BR wrote the letter and forged his signature—or Moro has gone insane. The Christian Democrats extend their profound sentiments of moral and political solidarity . . . to Aldo Moro, but the government judges it unthinkable to have any dialogue with criminal enemies of the state."

In the Cossiga letter, Moro cited the agreement between Leonid Brezhnev and Augusto Pinochet for the exchange of renegade dissident Vladmir Bukowski and the Chilean Communist leader Luis Corvalan. He also condemned the inflexible stand of Israel and the Federal Republic of Germany for refusing to negotiate with the terrorists of the Black September group after their attack on the Israeli Olympic team.

On Easter, television crews focus long-distance lenses on the windows of Moro's home, but they are curtained. Eleonora and the children have locked themselves away from the circus. Only steadfast friends come and go at Via Forte Trionfale 79. Nicolo Rana and Corrado Guerzoni maintain secret communications with the BR, negotiating for Moro's life. The police hound them.

MARCH 31
Moro's Christian Democrats formally abandon him. A statement is issued: "As long as the party stands firm against any negotiations, the killing of Moro will represent a spiritual victory for Italy and a definite defeat for the terrorists." Knowing that there are secret communications between the BR and the family, Attorney General De Matteo goes to the Moro home in order to grill Eleonora subtly. She considers him an enemy. Then the pope belches again: "The Church deplores Aldo Moro's predicament, but we do not despair; we pray."

Zaccagnini goes to Eleonora Moro and tries to persuade her that the honor and dignity of the state take precedence over her emotions. Eleonora all but throws him out.

APRIL 2
Now consciousness became Moro's nightmare. He often daydreamed. He was in a strange land, surrounded by menacing blacks; he couldn't find the police, and there was no way back to Eleonora.

Eleonora had often said that politicians were not human. He himself was not capable of compassion, only of the chess of statecraft. He rarely saw his family. Once, Eleonora found a love letter in his coat. From then on she went no more to the beauty shop, nor used cosmetics, nor bought dresses. She mourned his infidelity and linked it to his indifference to the fate of the victims of the powerful.

In some ways "Anna"—that is not her real name—the one female member of Zucor's cell (who wore the blonde wig at Via Fani) reminded Moro of Eleonora. She had her strength. Anna was part of the Trento University political larva of 1967–69 that evolved from the dialectical "*Universita Negativa*" into the BR. Anna had been Margharita ("Mara") Cagol's bridesmaid when she married Renato Curcio. Anna, Mara, Curcio, Mauro Rostagno, and the German student leader Peter Schneider were the prenatal BR.

Anna had no illusions about a Castro-type victory. She had written, "This is our prerevolutionary moment. Italy's situation is not similar to the experience of the Russians, Chinese, or Cubans. We must adjust to a long period of bloody struggle. We must not be . . . intellectual voyeurs . . . who sit on the sidelines and 'interpret.' The capitalist enemy kills, as they killed my father in the police-provoked Milan riot of December 12, 1969. Either we kill them or they kill us."

By accident, Anna happened not to be with Mara when Mara was trapped and shot to death by the police. Anna could have passed for Mara Cagol Curcio: small, frail, soft spoken. But it was Anna who gave Renato Curcio his nickname, "Pippo," because of his big nose.

During Moro's trial, Anna brought the evidence of the charges, along with photos and films of police terrorism. She presented "proof" of government frauds, of its liaisons with the Mafia and the Vatican to "keep Italy feudal." She made Moro feel very old.

Once, feverishly, he dared whisper to Anna that if she would help him, he'd give his word to exempt her from prosecution. "*Your word!*" As valueless as government treaties with Indians! As valueless as summit conferences with the unconscious! We will not hesitate to tear your word to shreds! Write your confession! Cough up your identity and restore the magical balance of memory and desire!" She actually spat at Moro.

They brought much—too much—against him. He no longer answered at all. He became as ingenuous as Prince Myshkin in *The Idiot*.

APRIL 10
Moro told Zucor he had a premonition of death. President Leone had cynically named his water spaniel "Moro."

APRIL 15
The editor of *La Republica* receives a phone call: Communication Number Six is in a certain garbage can on Via dell' Annunciata. It begins: "*L'interrogatrio al prigioniero Aldo Moro e' terminato,*" and ends, "*Non ci sono dubbi. ALDO MORO E COLPEVOLE E VIENE PERTANTO* CONDANNATO A MORTE." Moro's trial is completed. He is guilty beyond doubt and forthwith condemned to die.

Charity Italy, Amnesty International, and Kurt Waldheim of the United Nations im-

mediately offer to mediate. The Italian government refuses. A clown sends an alleged BR message: Moro committed suicide; his body can be found in Lake Duchessa, high in the Abruzzi Mountains. The government doesn't hesitate to spend lavishly on a search operation that could relieve it of its Moro problem.

Moro's son, Giovanni, however, secretly in touch with the BR, knows his father is alive. He organizes a petition of antipapal prelates for an appeal to the government. It is ignored.

Choosing to believe him dead, Moro's comrades in government feel the relief of catharsis; they quickly begin their felonious chatter: "hero of the nation with grandiosity of soul," "genius of conciliation," "Aldo lives on in our breasts!" Via Mario Fani has its name changed to Via Martyr of March 16.

APRIL 19
A corpse is found under the ice of Lake Duchessa, but it is that of a local man. The disappointment in Roman power circles is palpable.

The BR strikes all over Italy, knee-capping—"turning powerful reactionaries into lame horses." They chill Lorenzo Cotugno, the sadistic warden of Curcio's prison.

APRIL 20
Communication Number Seven: Moro's death sentence can be commuted if BR prisoners are freed. The government is allowed forty-eight hours. To erase any doubts about Moro's being alive, the BR calls the editor of *Il Messagero*. Nearby, on Via Tritone, is an envelope with a photo. In it Moro has a tranquil expression. Behind him is the Brigate Rosse banner; propped in front of him is *La Republica* with the headline HAS MORO BEEN KILLED?

The BR sends xerox copies of eight pages written by Moro to cities throughout Italy. Moro insists on the government's making a deal. He has departed from his old schoolteacher grammar; his words are anguished and plain: "You—Zaccagnini, Andreotti, Fanfani, Berlinguer, Leone, and Cossiga—are all guilty along with me and must rise to the manliness of sharing my fate. I am here for all of you, and should you not agree to the prisoner exchange, I shall hold you and the government as my murderers. Aldo Moro."

APRIL 21
The pope addresses an appeal to the BR: "I write you, men of the Red Brigades, and pray of thee on bended knees to restore to the common brotherhood of man our faithful son of the Church of Christ, the Honorable Aldo Moro, without conditions. Paul VI." But the following day, from his balcony, the pope squeals harshly of Moro's keepers. This does not help the Moro family's efforts. However, the BR does not act upon its deadline. The government leaders seem smug. Berlinguer, not to be outdone, pulls out all the stops. He shrieks against "the assassins of the Brigate Rosse." Berlinguer is particularly offended that the BR are calling themselves "the true Communists."

APRIL 22
The Bishop of Ivrea, Luigi Bettazzi, working with the Moro family, offers his life as hostage to the BR. The pope indignantly squelches the bishop's involvement. But the bishop defies the pope; he and anonymous rich friends raise $10 million ransom and pledge an additional $20 million. Church and state negate the attempt as an act demeaning to the government's inviolable stance. A statement is issued: "With the saving of Moro, the lawless BR will kill and kidnap continually."

The BR turn down the ransom offer. They are not interested in money. They want the recognition of political status.

A group of impotent actors, buffoon directors, narcissistic writers, and discarded celebrities, such as Federico Fellini, Eugenio Montale, Sergio Amidei, and Alberto Moravia, sign an anti-BR sermon. The Communist Bernardo Bertolucci keeps his mouth shut.

APRIL 24
Communication Number Eight: Thirteen prisoners are to be freed, including Brigatisti, Nappisti, and members of the October Twenty-second Group—"the flower of flowers of terrorism." If not, Moro dies.

Minister Marco Pannella wants the situation debated in Parliament. Cabinet President Pietro Ingrao says no. Ingrao takes his orders from Fanfani and Berlinguer.

APRIL 25
Moro's third letter to Zaccagnini: "Zac . . . we are at the moment of my slaughter. The DC must depart from its attachment to mythomania, admit to reality, and accept the conditions of the Brigate Rosse. . . . I do not accept the inequity and ingratitude and the atrocious death sentence visited upon me by the Christian Democrat party, which is not the people but you, my friends of thirty years—and, as I see now . . . little men who will have to account to my family, the nation, history, and God for your participation in my murder . . . for what you have committed against us. I demand that no State authorities or men of the DC desecrate my funeral with their presence. I wish my corpse to be attended only by the few who in God's eyes were good and true to me. . . . Aldo Moro."

As answer, church and state make imaginative gestures to show the people that they are aiding Aldo and Eleonora. The pope has a helicopter containing a beautiful statue of Our Lady of Fatima and a priest saying a Salvation Mass hover over Moro's home; the Air Force has six jets paint the red, white, and green Italian flag in the skies over the Via Martyr.

In Torrita Tiberina the white-haired pastor, **Agostino Mancini, Moro's confessor,**

speaks sadly over Marlboros and wine: "In the twenty-five years that I confessed the Honorable Aldo Moro, God and I heard things about government that would make your hair stand on end. Signora Eleonora begged him to retire from what she called the inhumanity of his pursuit, but he had given his soul as bail to the state he designed. The common people unanimously say that Moro will be immolated by the fad of Italian democracy. I will not comment on the pontiff—he is not Pope John . . . but the BR prisoners could be released. Panama has offered them sanctuary, and after Moro is home, the government could do like the Israelis and West Germans: track them down and 'justice' them. Poor Moro. He has not even picked out a tomb. . ."

APRIL 26
Privately, Socialist Craxi speaks of an "autonomous initiative" bargain with the BR. Zaccagnini goes crazy: "What the hell do you mean by 'autonomous initiative'?" Craxi suggests one or two prisoners be allowed to dig a tunnel and escape; then let others out on the pretended grounds of endangered health. The plan leaks to the papers. There is a furor among the fascists. Craxi modifies his plan: suspend a few sentences and give paroles; also, reform the Dark Ages prison conditions. The Communist party thunders no!

APRIL 27
Moro's personal secretary, Nicolo Rana, family friends Corrado Guerzoni and Sereno Freata, and Eleonora and the children come up with a scheme: BR prisoners could be transferred from the Turin jail to a provincial prison no more secure than a chicken coop; BR commandos could raid the prison and free the comrades, with the blame placed on the rural authorities. Moro is released, everybody is happy, and the government's face is saved.

Zaccagnini and his boys fiercely reject the idea. Eleonora appeals to Paul VI, but the pope clasps his ringed hands deploringly and shakes his head.

APRIL 28
Moro has never watched so much television. Along with 25 million other TV fans, he sees a series, "Madame Bovary." He discusses it with Zucor and his keepers.

APRIL 30
Il Messagero publishes another Moro message. As president of the DC, he wants a convocation of the National Council. "I want the impossible done to save my life! The Socialists have shown more humanity. . . . I wish Misasi to preside in my place.

"My social views and the dialectics and ideals of the BR have hardly anything in common, but all my public life I have retained as humanely feasible the merciful exchange of prisoners of war. The Christian Democrats have judged that Aldo Moro must die." Moro repeats that he does not want the men of power, not even the pope, at his funeral. Then: "I see that my party wants my destruction—assumes that I am writing under the dictation of the BR. Why do you lie? . . ."

MAY 1
A satyricon begins: the Italian soccer team is eliminated from World Cup competition. Television shows the result of the defeat. All over Italy, there is rage, depression, drinking.

Zaccagnini, whose hobby is the study of Nostradamus, announces that Nostradamus prophesied the Moro ambush. This seems to comfort Zaccagnini.

The Society of Jesuits accuses DIGOS—the secret service—of effeminate weakness and muddling. Fascist Republicans Massimo De Carolis and La Malfa vow that there is undeniable collusion between the police and the BR.

MAY 2
Magistrate Mario Daniele of Milan proposes that in exchange for Moro, the government commute the sentences of all BR prisoners to a maximum of two years. Zaccagnini, no doubt thinking of Nostradamus, thunders "No!" again.

Yassir Arafat defines the BR terrorism as "military operations."

Idi Amin Dada, over Radio Kampala in Uganda, says he will convince the BR to release Moro, since he believes, along with Jimmy Carter, in upholding human rights.

President Carter's representative, Joe Califano, who doesn't know his ass from a hole in the ground in Italy, applauds Zaccagnini's no.

Russia's *Pravda* calls the Brigate Rosse "Red Bandits" and bad-mouths Socialist Craxi for trying to save Moro.

An American novelist describes for an Italian magazine a *Sgherri* headquarters in Trastevere: ". . . in their bare rooms they wile away the time like cretins, playing with balls of paper, making airplanes, practicing fast draws like their heroes in American cop movies, holding masturbation contests."

The Communist saint, Enrico Berlinguer, informs on "extreme leftists" who have left his party "to, most likely, ally themselves with the clandestine political terrorists!"

MAY 5
The ninth and final BR communication arrives: "The action initiated March 16 is properly now reaching its climax with the fulfillment of the sentence to which Aldo Moro was condemned. . . . The Moro battle is the first of many. This is only the beginning."

MAY 6
Eleonora receives a call: "This is the BR. You have a few hours left in which to save your husband, Aldo Moro, the father of your

children."

The phone is tapped by Cossiga's police, but the message is just code anyway: deciphered, it means that a note from Aldo awaits. The daughter, Anna, leaves the house. Anna takes bus 446 to Ponte Milvio. She bides her turn patiently at a phone booth, enters, does not make a call, finds a letter in one of the directories, returns home by bus.

"Dearest Norina, This is it . . . they have told me that in a little while they are going to kill me. The DC and the government, had they wanted, could easily have saved me. This is the end. I am to die very soon. I kiss you for the last time. Kiss the children for me."

Eleonora immediately gives the letter to all the papers. They publish special editions.

The arch-reactionaries in the DC severely criticize Moro's farewell missive and pressure the pope to tell Moro that it's God's will for him to die and that he should face death happily, as have many Catholics before him.

Most government leaders have left Rome on their election campaigns.

The populace are fixed to their television sets as usual, watching an Agatha Christie murder mystery. The Aldo Moro show is getting boring.

The DC sends the unctuous paunch, Fanfani, to Eleonora, and Paul VI sends Cardinal Poletti. She is to resign herself to the martyrdom of her man for the ineffable glory of The Law and Jesus Christ. Eleonora Chiavarelli Moro, erudite daughter of a physician, Montessorian teacher, finally explodes with truths. In her rage, she calls the pope and the politicians charlatans, pederasts, whores, and cowards. They are traitors, who are soon to be stained with the blood of Aldo Moro so that Italy won't lose face before the rotten superpowers and stinking multinational corporations. In her wrath she curses man-made church and state and smashes a large vase filled with flowers against the wall near Cardinal Poletti and Fanfani.

The Christian Democrats had preferred Moro as a martyr prior to the regional and national elections. They had calculated that the shocked public would react emotionally for law and order, increasing the power of the DC and diminishing notably, if not disastrously, the standings that the radical parties had. Indeed, they were right. In the subsequent election, the DC picked up 8 percent of the national vote, raising its share to 46. The Communists, to Berlinguer's chagrin, dropped down to 30 percent.

MAY 8

A BR source in police intelligence reports that a German criminologist has correctly deduced the area of the Moro hideout. At night the master cell vacates. Moro is taken in a van to a temporary hideout near the sea. It's an area of summer homes for the rich, relatively uninhabited until June, an hour from Rome.

MAY 9

Zucor tells Moro that this is it.

Moro admits that he is tired. He has been thinking of a message, sent by Eleonora. "You have been abandoned by Church and man. Only Aldo Moro can help you now. . . ." Moro thinks of defecting, then rejects the idea. "I'd look bad in khaki," he tells Zucor.

He doesn't eat his last meal. He refuses sedation. He just wants to pray; he has no other desire.

A priest is sent for, a young radical who will never inform. He is brought in a closed van, then blindfolded from the van to Moro's room. Moro softly confesses his sins, but his Act of Contrition is fervent. The young priest celebrates Mass and gives Moro the last sacraments. The priest weeps.

For collation Moro has a cup of water. Anna gives him a haircut. He showers and brushes his teeth, but he doesn't bother to shave. He dresses in the clothes he wore when kidnapped. He puts on his socks of midnight blue (which, he does not notice, are inside out), the white shirt with blue stripes made by La Ninarelli in Bologna, suspenders, the beige Swiss sweater, the carefully knotted tie with tiny, white designs, the dark blue suit, flexible shoes called *"mocassini."* He puts his scapular, rosary, as well as some medals of saints in his pockets.

Zucor tells him, "You will go now with Anna and Franco." Anna wears a red wig this time. Moro meekly follows them out of the house and along a driveway to a red Renault 4 station wagon. Zucor says: "Please get in and lie down." Aldo Moro obeys. The space in the back is so cramped that he has to fold his legs under him.

Zucor gives the following orders to Anna and Franco: "Park and lock the car on Via Caetani, in the ancient Jewish ghetto between Moro's Christian Democrats and the building of Berlinguer's Communists. Walk slowly away with your weapons in the shopping bag."

Franco drives, while Anna covers Moro from the front seat. The Renault, with the stolen license "Roma N57686," is passed by a few cars and trucks on the highway by the sea. It turns onto an isolated, sandy road. No one says anything.

Franco and Anna get out. He holds a 9 mm. pistol; she, a scorpion machine pistol. Both are fitted with silencers. They lift the station wagon's rear door and fix the latch. Moro looks at them. To die in such a shabby way . . .

Eleven bullets slam through Moro's chest, leaving a path of punctures. They wrap him in a large sheet of orange-colored plastic and place him on a heavy, soiled overcoat. They put their guns in a STANDA store bag and drive back onto the highway toward Rome.

Not one bullet touched Aldo Moro's heart. It took him from five to ten minutes to bleed to death.

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EXTREME LEFT TERRORIST GROUP, REPORTEDLY OPERATING IN MILAN, ITALY, SINCE 1970, TOOK CREDIT FOR MORO'S ABDUCTION AND SOON AFTER BEGAN ISSUING A SERIES OF PUBLIC BULLETINS WHICH MADE REFERENCE TO THE SO-CALLED TRIAL OF MORO AND MADE A SERIES OF ALLEGATIONS AGAINST THE DC PARTY AND THE ITALIAN POLITICAL SYSTEM.

FOLLOWING 55 DAYS OF CAPTIVITY, MORO'S BODY WAS FOUND ON MAY 9, 1978, AT 1:45 P.M. ROME TIME IN AN ABANDONED RED RENAULT AUTOMOBILE PARKED ON VIA MICHELANGELO CAETANI, A NARROW STREET WHICH RUNS ALONG SIDE THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY HEADQUARTERS AND WHICH IS NEAR TO THE DC PARTY HEADQUARTERS. THE RENAULT WAS DISCOVERED TO BE A STOLEN VEHICLE AS WERE THE ROME TAGS IT BORE, WHICH WERE DETERMINED TO HAVE BEEN STOLEN FROM A SECOND VEHICLE. ACCORDING TO ITALIAN AUTHORITIES, MORO'S BODY WAS FOUND SLUMPED BEHIND THE REAR SEAT IN WHAT WAS DESCRIBED AS THE LUGGAGE OR CARGO AREA OF THE RENAULT. HE WAS DRESSED IN THE SAME GRAY SUIT, WHICH HAD BEEN PREPORTEDLY CLEANED AND PRESSED, WHICH HE WORE ON THE DAY OF HIS ABDUCTION. NOTHING WAS FOUND IN ANY OF HIS POCKETS. HIS OVERCOAT WAS THROWN OVER HIS SHOULDERS AND, IN TURN, HE WAS COMPLETELY WRAPPED IN A RED BLANKET. A PRELIMINARY

EXAMINATION OF MORO'S BODY REVEALED ELEVEN BULLET HOLES IN THE UPPER LEFT PORTION OF HIS CHEST. ALL ELEVEN BULLET HOLES APPEARED TO HAVE ENTERED FROM THE FRONT OF HIS BODY. TEN OF THE ELEVEN BULLETS FORMED A "V" PATTERN WHICH APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN INTENTIONALLY MADE.

ON MAY 22, 1979, [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

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(PROTECT PER EXPRESS PROMISE OF CONFIDENTIALITY), [redacted]

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INVESTIGATION, SAN DIEGO, DETERMINED THAT A [redacted] b6 b7C

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[redacted] RECORDS ALSO REFLECTED THAT A

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INVESTIGATION HAS FAILED TO REVEAL THE FIRST NAME OF THIS

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INDIVIDUAL.

RECORDS, DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES (DMV), SACRAMENTO, REFLECTED DR CENSE ISSUED DAD JAS Y ADDRESS IN SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 1978. DMV RECORDS ALSO REFLECTED DRIVER'S LICENSE AND VEHICLES REGISTERED TO AN [redacted] WITH SEVERAL ADDRESSES, ONE BEING IDENTICAL TO THE ADDRESS FOR [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted]

ST. LOUIS REQUESTED TO REVIEW [redacted]

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THROUGH APPROPRIATE RECORDS.

FOR INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, SACRAMENTO IS OBTAINING PHOTOGRAPH OF [redacted] AND WILL FORWARD PHOTOGRAPH TO THE BUREAU. b6 b7C

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UNSUBS; KIDNAPING OF ALDO MORO, ITALY, MARCH 16, 1978. FPC.

BY TELETYPE DATED MAY 25, 1979, SAN DIEGO ADVISED:

SACRAMENTO ADVISED ON MAY 25, 1979, THAT [redacted]

[redacted]

IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, ST. LOUIS WAS INSTRUCTED TO DIS-

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~~C AND E BY 3751, REASON (1), DRD MAY 29, 2007.~~

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DATE 03-27-2018 BY: [redacted]

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[redacted] b6 b7C b3 b7E

TO : Director, FBI ([redacted])

DATE: 5/28/79

FROM : Legal Attache, Rome (163-3033) (P)

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SUBJECT: UNSUBS; KIDNAPING OF ALDO MORO,
ROME, ITALY, 3/16/78; FPC

Reference: Butel, 5/25/79.

Dissemination, as outlined below, was made on dates indicated.

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UNSUBS; KIDNAPING OF ALDO MORO, ITALY, MARCH 16, 1978, FPC.

12 FOR THE INFORMATION OF LEGAT ROME, BY TELETYPE DATED MAY 25,
1979, SAN DIEGO ADVISED SAINT LOUIS THAT INVESTIGATION, SAN
10 DIEGO, DETERMINED THAT A [redacted] b6 b7C
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8 [redacted] RECORDS ALSO REFLECTED THAT [redacted]
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6 REVEAL THE FIRST NAME OF THIS INDIVIDUAL.

RECORDS, DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES [DMV], SACRAMENTO,
4 REFLECTED DRIVER'S LICENSE ISSUED TO [redacted] b3 b6 b7C b7E
[redacted] DMV
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IDENTICAL TO THE ADDRESS FOR [redacted] b6 b7C

20 [redacted] WAS DESCRIBED AS [redacted]

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ST. LOUIS REQUESTED TO REVIEW [redacted]

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10 THROUGH APPROPRIATE RECORDS.

FOR INFORMATION OF LEGAT ROME, SACRAMENTO IS OBTAINING

8 PHOTOGRAPH OF [redacted] AND WILL FORWARD PHOTOGRAPH TO b6 b7C

THE BUREAU.

6 ~~C & E BY 3951, REASON [1], DRD MAY 27, 2009.~~

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- ☐ Facsimile
- ☐ AIRTEL

PRECEDENCE:
- ☐ Immediate
- ☐ Priority
- ☐ Routine

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- ☐ CONFIDENTIAL
- ☐ E F T O
- ☐ CLEAR

Date 5/30/79

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (ATTN: FOREIGN LIAISON SECTION)

FROM : SAC, SACRAMENTO (163-537) (RUC)

SUBJECT: UNSUBS;
KIDNAPING OF ALDO MORO
ITALY
MARCH 16, 1978
FPC

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Re San Diego teletype to Bureau, 5/24/79, and Sacramento telcall to San Diego, 5/24/79, and San Diego telcalls to Sacramento, 5/24/79 and 5/25/79.

Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and five copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above and two copies of California driver's license [redacted] in the name of [redacted] b6 b7C

DMV officials have advised they have no objections to the enclosed driver's license and information being disseminated to a foreign government.

A check of birth records at the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Sacramento, California, revealed no birth record of [redacted] b6 b7C

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Sacramento, California
May 30, 1979

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
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MARCH 16, 1978

On May 25, 1979, a check of driver's license records of the California Department of Motor Vehicles, Sacramento, California, revealed that California driver's license number [redacted]

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MESSAGE RELAY VIA TELETYPE

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SUBJECT:

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3. The message will be transmitted just as it appears. The person approving the message is solely responsible for assuring all necessary editing changes have been made.

PREPARATION OF FORM WHICH CONSISTS OF A PREPRINTED YELLOW.

1. Complete appropriate boxes: date, classification & precedence.
2. List addresses immediately following the "TO" or place a check mark in the appropriate boxes.
3. Type or PRINT the subject in the space provided.
4. Print or type originator's name, room number and telephone extension.
5. Indicate approval for transmission by initialing the "Approved By" box.

PREPARATION OF MESSAGE TO BE TRANSMITTED

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3 Administrative data or notes may be typed immediately following the text and will be transmitted to all addressees.

4. When using the 0-73 form to disseminate information to field offices, Legal Attaches and other Government agencies simultaneously, the text, notes and administrative data must be identical for all addressees.

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ATTN: PERSONAL AND PROPERTY CRIMES SECTION, CID.

UNSUBS; KIDNAPING OF ALDO MORO, ROME, ITALY, MARCH 16, 1978,

FPC, BUFILE , ROME FILE 163-3033.

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ROME FILE

BY TEL 6/6/79 LEGAT ROME FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING:

REROMTEL MAY 9, 1978, UNDER ALDO MORO CAPTION AND ROMTEL MAY 16, 1979, UNDER CAPTION. (U)

FOR FURTHER BACKGROUND INFORMATION OF BUREAU AND NEW YORK, ITALIAN AUTHORITIES ARE MAKING EFFORTS TO DETERMINE WHETHER WAS THE ANONYMOUS RED BRIGADES REPRESENTATIVE WHO TELEPHONED TO ANNOUNCE MORO'S IMMINENT EXECUTION.

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ON JUNE 6, 1979, [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

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ADMINISTRATIVE: RETRANSMIT TO NEW YORK.

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TO : Director, FBI ([redacted]) DATE: 5-31-79

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FROM : Legal Attache, Rome (163-3033) (P)

SUBJECT: UNSUBS; KIDNAPING OF ALDO MORO, ROME, ITALY, 3-16-78
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TO TO LEGAL ATTACHE ROME (163-30333) ROUTINE

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BY TELETYPE DATED JUNE 1, 1979, ST. LOUIS ADVISED:

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TO DIRECTOR PRIORITY

SAN DIEGO (163-1630) PRIORITY

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RE SAN DIEGO TELETYPE, MAY 25, 1979.

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FM ROME (163-3033) (P)

TO DIRECTOR PRIORITY 237-06

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REROMTEL MAY 22, 1979, AND BUTEL JUNE 4, 1979. (U)

IH VIEW OF THE CONTROVERSAIL NATURE OF THIS CASE AND THE POTENTIAL FOR PUBLICITY TO ALLEGATIONS FURNISHED IN REROMTEL, SAN DIEGO IS REQUESTED TO FURNISH AVAILABLE NAMES AND IDENTIFYING DATA ON [redacted] (S) U

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PER EXPRESS PROMISE OF CONFIDENTIALITY) [redacted]

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ADMINISTRATIVE: RETRANSMIT TO SAN DIEGO.

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TO SAN DIEGO

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REROMTEL MAY 22, 1979, AND BUTEL JUNE 4, 1979. (U)
BY TELETYPE DATED JUNE 6, 1979, ROME ADVISED THAT
IH VIEW OF THE CONTROVERSAIL NATURE OF THIS CASE AND THE

POTENTIAL FOR PUBLICITY, ~~TO ALLEGATIONS FURNISHED IN REROMTEL,~~

SAN DIEGO IS REQUESTED TO FURNISH AVAILABLE NAMES AND IDENTIFYING

DATA ON [redacted] (¢) U b6 b7C

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~~C&E 3751, REASON (3), DRD JUNE 6, 1989.~~

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ATTN: PERSONAL AND PROPERTY CRIMES SECTION, CID.

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FPC, BUFILE [redacted] ROME FILE 163-3033.

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FPC, BUFILE [redacted], ROME FILE 163-3033.

[redacted] FPC, BUFILE [redacted]

ROME FILE [redacted]

REROMTEL MAY 9, 1978, UNDER ALDO MORO CAPTION AND ROMTEL MAY 16, 1979, UNDER [redacted] CAPTION. (U)

FOR FURTHER BACKGROUND INFORMATION OF BUREAU AND NEW YORK, ITALIAN AUTHORITIES ARE MAKING EFFORTS TO DETERMINE WHETHER [redacted] WAS THE ANONYMOUS RED BRIGADES REPRESENTATIVE WHO TELEPHONED [redacted] TO ANNOUNCE MORO'S IMMINENT EXECUTION. [redacted]

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USE OF FORM 0-73

1. Only incoming teletype messages which require transmission relay may be prepared for transmission using form 0-73. Use of form 0-73 is restricted to incoming teletype messages received within the last 3 days which require transmission relay; all other teletype messages must be prepared using form 0-93.
2. Additions such as notes and administrative data for a specific addressee are not allowed. If a note or administrative data is required for a particular addressee a separate 0-73 form must be prepared.
3. The message will be transmitted just as it appears. The person approving the message is solely responsible for assuring all necessary editing changes have been made.

PREPARATION OF FORM WHICH CONSISTS OF A PREPRINTED YELLOW.

1. Complete appropriate boxes: date, classification & precedence.
2. List addresses immediately following the "TO" or place a check mark in the appropriate boxes.
3. Type or PRINT the subject in the space provided.
4. Print or type originator's name, room number and telephone extension.
5. Indicate approval for transmission by initialing the "Approved By" box.

PREPARATION OF MESSAGE TO BE TRANSMITTED

1. Xerox 1 copy of incoming teletype message. A notation shall be made on the original incoming teletype "1 copy made for relay to SACS _____ , (OR LEGATS) _____ , (OR GOVERNMENT AGENCIES) _____ ."
2. Minor editing changes shall be made on the xerox as follows: using a lead pencil ONLY draw single line through the first and last lines of the heading and connect these lines from top right to bottom left forming a "Z," figure. (DO NOT OBLITERATE THE HEADING.) Use horizontal lines to delete sentences or words. Printed changes of a word or two to the text of the message may be made; however, changes to the existing text involving more than a word or two necessitate the originator to initiate a new message using form 0-93 .
3. Administrative data or notes may be typed immediately following the text and will be transmitted to all addressees.
4. When using the 0-73 form to disseminate information to field offices, Legal Attaches and other Government agencies simultaneously, the text, notes and administrative data must be identical for all addressees.

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ON 6/12/79 SAC, SAN DIEGO ADVISED BY TELETYPE THAT:

RE BUREAU TELETYPE, JUNE 8, 1979.

EXAMINATION OF APPROPRIATE RECORDS, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, REVEALED THAT THE FOLLOWING [redacted] AT SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA: b6 b7C

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RE BUREAU TELETYPE, JUNE 6, 1979.

EXAMINATION OF APPROPRIATE RECORDS, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, REVEALED THAT THE FOLLOWING [redacted] AT SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA:

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